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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET ① F=0 ② F=1 ③ F=0 ONT

1. DATE AND TIME 25.4.1915 ① 1600 ② 1800 LOCAL

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) ① BELFOUNTAIN
② TERRA COTTA TO SNELGROVE
③ HONEYWOOD

3. PATH LENGTH ☑ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF>50mi

4. PATH WIDTH UNKNOWN 5. TORNADO PART OF SQUALL LINE? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☑ UNKNOWN:

6. ANY UNUSUAL COLORATION? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☑ UNKNOWN

7. ANY UNUSUAL SOUND? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☑ UNKNOWN

8. IF ANSWER TO 6 OR 7 YES, ELABORATE;

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA
(Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ THOUSANDS 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE

12. TOTAL INJURED NONE 13. TOTAL HOMELESS UNKNOWN

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES
Brampton Conservator in the Orangeville Banner May 6 1915
Erin Advocate in the Orangeville Banner May 6 1915.

15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

(a) ...like a regular western cyclone.....

(b) Many barns demolished or unroofed. A buggy on the farm of George Hutchinson was carried 50 yards. The top was taken off and the spokes torn out of the wheels. A fine large barn on the farm of A B Henderson was literally torn to shreds. Heavy rafters and scantlings were carried a distance of 150 yards and driven into the earth a distance of several feet, requiring a team of horses to pull them out again.



NOTE:
The Regional Municipalities of Durham, Haldimand-Norfolk, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo, and York are shown into cities and towns of greater area than elsewhere. This area of the Province detailed is portrayed in greater detail **SOUTH-CENTRAL ONTARIO** *enlargement right.*

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THE BANNER, MAY 6 1915, p1,6,7.

STORM DATE Sunday Apr 251915, 1800 local.

FIERCE THUNDERSTORM caused much loss to property in Chinguacousy township, barns destroyed and many cattle killed.
Chinguacousy township suffered heavy damage in ahurricane of wind and rain which passed over this vicinity on sunday last. A heavy electrical storm broke short ly before 6 o'clock and the accompanying wind, which almost approached the dimensions of a cyclone, wrecked several buildings, overturned others and created havoc generally over a diagonal strip of territory which presents a scene of destruction seldom witnessed in this part of the country. A thunderstorm was looked for because of the intense heat which prevailed during the day, but when it broke it was startling in its violence and fury. Before 6 o'clock it grew very dark and buildings were blown over or totally wrecked before their owners knew what had occurred. AT Snelgrove within a few minutes Mr Robert Marshall's fine orchard was partially uprooted, all his fences lev levelled and the road on the 2nd line so strewn with rails that it was found necessary for a gang of men to clear them away next morning before any traffic could take place. Mr Marshall's barn was unroofed, the stock being completely terrorized. When Mr Marshall went out to the barn after the storm had passed over he found the cattle and calves bawling piteously and the horses trembling in their stalls.

Mr Ben Groat's barn was partially unroofed. On George Hutchinson's Farm the barn was unroofed the house also being badly damaged because of falling chimneys which broke through the roof the wreckage filling the entrance to the cellar below.
The wind carried Mr Hutchinson's buggy across the road about 50 yards, took the top and tore the spokes out of the wheels, leaving the vehicle a hopeless wreck. Mr A B Hendersen's property presents a startling appearance. His fine large barn was literally torn to shreds. Heavy rafters and scantlings were carried a distance of 150 yards and driven into the earth a distance of several feet, requiring a team of horses to pull them out again. Heavy pieces of iron were also carried a long distance away and portions of the timbers strew the Drinkwater farm across the way. Mr Henderson's house was also slightly damaged.Neighbours kindly housed his stock until some shelter could be erected for them. Mr Henderson carried wind insurance for $1000.

On Mr Bert Taylor's farm a barn was blown over. He also had insurance for $1000. Mr Thomas Little's house at the Grand Trunk Station, Cheltenham, was struck by lightning but no damage was dome. Mr Joseph Dolson lost a good cow from the same cause. Mr George Campbell was another sufferer, his barn being unroofed.

At Snelgrove, Mr Andrew Lowe's fine steel frame barn was badly wrecked and twisted. The building stood on a slight erection and seemed to catch the full force of the wind being broken almost in two.

FIERCE THUNDERSTORM..... CONTD

He held wind insurance for $1000. A portion of the roof of J R Goldthorpe's barn was taken off. Mr Bert Harris, near Cheltenham, lost heavily in the storm his barn was struck by lightning and totally destroyed, together with 7 calves, 12 or 15 young pigs and 2 head of cattle. He carried $2000 insurance on barn and contents. Mr Daniel McDonald on the 5th line lost very heavily. His barn was struck by lightning and burned to the ground together with 30 head of fine cattle and 5 horses. He is one of the heaviest losers to sundays storm. His stock was insured for about $3500, but this will not nearly cover his loss in that respect. Nothing could be done to save the burning building or rescue the poor animals. Brampton Conservator.

The Banner, Orangeville quoting the Erin Advocate

A TERRIFIC STORM

Much damage done in the Belfountain district.

Sunday last was the hottest April day in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The atmosphere seemed to have jumped right out into July. As the result, about 4 o'clock a heavy thunderstorm came up accompanied by a great downfall of rain and a heavy wind doing much damage. Particularly was this the case in the township of Caledon, where it swept things before it like a regular western cyclone.

Among those who were heavy losers are Mr D McDonald whose barn was struck by lightning and burned to the ground, together with 35 head of cattle and all his working horses and part of the farm implements.

Mr Bert Harris' barn was also burned. He was in the barn at the time it was struck and managed to get some of the stock out. The roof was blown from Mr G Campbell's barn as well as from Mr G Hutchinson's; while the barns belonging to Messrs A B Henderson Andrew I Lowe and Bert Taylor were blown down. We have not been able to procure a definite estimate of the losses in full but it will amount to thousands of dollars. Much sympathy is felt for the losers who have thus in the space of a few moments time been almost overwhelmed with disaster.

We have heard that Mr F Frank's house was also struck, the chimney knocked down and the telephone torn from the wall. It also set fire to one of the window curtains which fortunately went out. Mr and Mrs Frank were at Erin and the hired man and his wife had run over to Mr McDonald's w seeing the barn blazing, so that there was no one in the house when it struck.

Markdale was visited by a terrific rain and hail storm a week ago sunday. Over 250 lights were broken in the Anglican Church.

A barn of W S Carr's farm near Tullamore was destroyed during the storm a week ago sunday. by lightning?

Storm of Sunday April 25 1915 contd.....

Considerable damage was done in the Honeywood district during the storm a week ago sunday. The wind blew down Herb Jamieson's driving shed and took part of the roof off T E Hunter's barn. Barns belonging to Dan Broderick and Wm Mortimer were struck by lightning but were not badly damaged.

Barn lost (due to lightning) with contents at Maple Valley.

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THE BANNER, ORANGEVILLE. May 13 1915.

STORM DATE April 25 1915.

Messrs Wm Hunter and John Townsend of Terra Cotta, had their silos blown down during the storm of Sunday, the 25th ultimo.

DOWNIE TOWNSHIP,PERTH Co.TORNADO, 1 KILLED.

STRATFORD HERALD,STRATFORD ONT.TUESDAY JUNE 8TH.1915.

WIND STORM MISSED CITY BY A FEW MILES..DOWNIE TOWNSHIP SUFFERED SEVERELY.

Apart from the washing out of gardens and lawns by the heavy downpour of rain,STRATFORD escaped well in Monday's storm.To the north and south of the city,however,much damage resulted in what was one of the worst electrical and wind storms of years.DOWNIE TOWNSHIP,this side of ST.MARYS,suffered terribly.

The district immediately surrounding STRATFORD suffered very little,according to information given The Herald by farmers within a radius of five or six miles.The most serious loss reported is the killing of several cattle belonging to MR.J.A.NEEB,of the AVONDALE CHEESE FACTORY in NORTH EASTHOPE.The cattle were struck by lightning.The wind storm seems to have been confined to a belt passing across north of ST.MARYS.

TERRIFIC STORM BROKE.

It was about 3½ miles northeast of ST.MARYS that the tornado seemed to attain its maximum of violence.Between the 13TH.and 14TH.CON. of DOWNIE TOWNSHIP at about 4:30 o'clock,heralded by terrible black clouds by a terrific roar of wind,the shock of the storm lifted the house and barn of JOSEPH CORBETT,and the house and barn of JOHN RILEY (GLOBE had JOHN REILLY)from their ground footings:whirled them around and crashed them to the earth in a few seconds.The whirlwind took the debris and flattened and scattered it.

The end of the house of JAMES PROUDLOVE,not far away,was torn out and wrecked.

Trees were uprooted in swaths for a considerable area,and fences were flattened.

That the family of JOSEPH CORBETT were away from home at the time,is fortunate,as had there been anyone in any of his buildings,it must have meant death to him.

STRUCK TO DEATH BY LIMB.

As noted elsewhere in The Herald,DAVID DILLABOUGH,a well known farmer of about 80 years,was killed instantly by a falling limb of a tree 8 or 10 inches in diameter.His body was found lying crushed and bleeding just west of BETHESDA METHODIST CHURCH.The old gentleman had gone to drive home his son's cows.He was a widower and lived with his son,JOHN.He was a very active man.

The orchards of JOSEPH CORBETT and JOHN RILEY were laid low

to a great extent.

One large apple tree from MR.CORBETT'S orchard was lifted bodily from its foothold and carried over a fence,and deposited into the roadway.Near the church and spot where MR.DILLABOUGH was killed,two large forest trees were torn up and their roots contain tons of earth.Back to the east of this section great destruction was done to orchards and woods.

In ST.MARYS town little effect was felt of the cyclone,which raged so comparatively near at hand,except that the hydro lights were put out of business.for a few hours.This trouble was reported to be local, and the main line from LONDON to STRATFORD was uninterupted.

PERTH COUNTY TORNADO. 1KILLED.

THE GLOBE,TORONTO,TUESDAY JUNE 8TH.1915.

STORM DATE.LATE AFTERNOON,MON.JUNE 7TH.1915.

AGED FARMER KILLED DURING HEAVY STORM.

SEVERAL MEN STUNNED;COWS KILLED,AND MUCH OTHER DAMAGE DONE.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

LONDON,ONT.JUNE 7.A tornado which swept the southeast part of DOWNIE TOWNSHIP,PERTH COUNTY,late this afternoon,during a severe rain and electrical storm,caused the death of DAVID DILLABOUGH,aged 80,a retired farmer,destroyed the houses and barns of JOHN REILLY and JAMES CORBETT,and ripped up the orchards of both farmers.DILLABOUGH was killed by a branch from a tree that had been uprooted as he was on his way to bring in his cows.He was almost instantly killed,his body being found some hours later.

At HARROW,in SOUTH ESSEX,a number of men gathered in a barn were severely stunned when the building was struck by lightning.

VICTORIA SCHOOL,GODERICH,was struck by lightning and damaged considerably.Two houses in the town were also struck,but they were only slightly damaged.

In NORTH EASTHOPE TOWNSHIP,several cows belonging to J.A.NEEB, proprietor of the AVONDALE CHEESE FACTORY,were struck by lightning and killed.

THE GLOBE, TORONTO, TUESDAY JUNE 15TH. 1915.

STORM DATE. ABOUT 6:15 P.M., SUN. JUNE 13TH. 1915.

SERIOUS DAMAGE DONE BY STORM IN MEAFORD.

(Special Despatch to The Globe)

MEAFORD, JUNE 14. Serious damage was caused to property by the unusually severe electrical storm which visited MEAFORD about 6:15 last evening. The storm did not last more than ten minutes, but during that time it blew nearly half the roof off the SKATING and CURLING RINK, besides twisting the sides of the building as though it had come through a flood. The damage to the RINK is roughly estimated at $1,000. A large tree near STEET'S TANNERY was blown down by the force of the wind, falling across the main street. The tree had to be removed before traffic could proceed. Many shade trees in various parts of the town were either uprooted or broken off below the limbs. Some of the electric wires were blown down, and in one instance a horse was electrocuted by stepping on a live wire, which was torn from a temporary pole on the river flat near the new cement bridge.