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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME 24.7.1870 1500 OR 700 LOCAL

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) CHATHAM

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

4. PATH WIDTH 60 to 70 FT 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.) HAILSTONES AS BIG AS PIGEONS EGGS.

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE \$ UNKNOWN 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE

12. TOTAL INJURED NONE 13. TOTAL HOMELESS UNKNOWN

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES NEWS-RECORD, FERGUS. JULY 29 1870

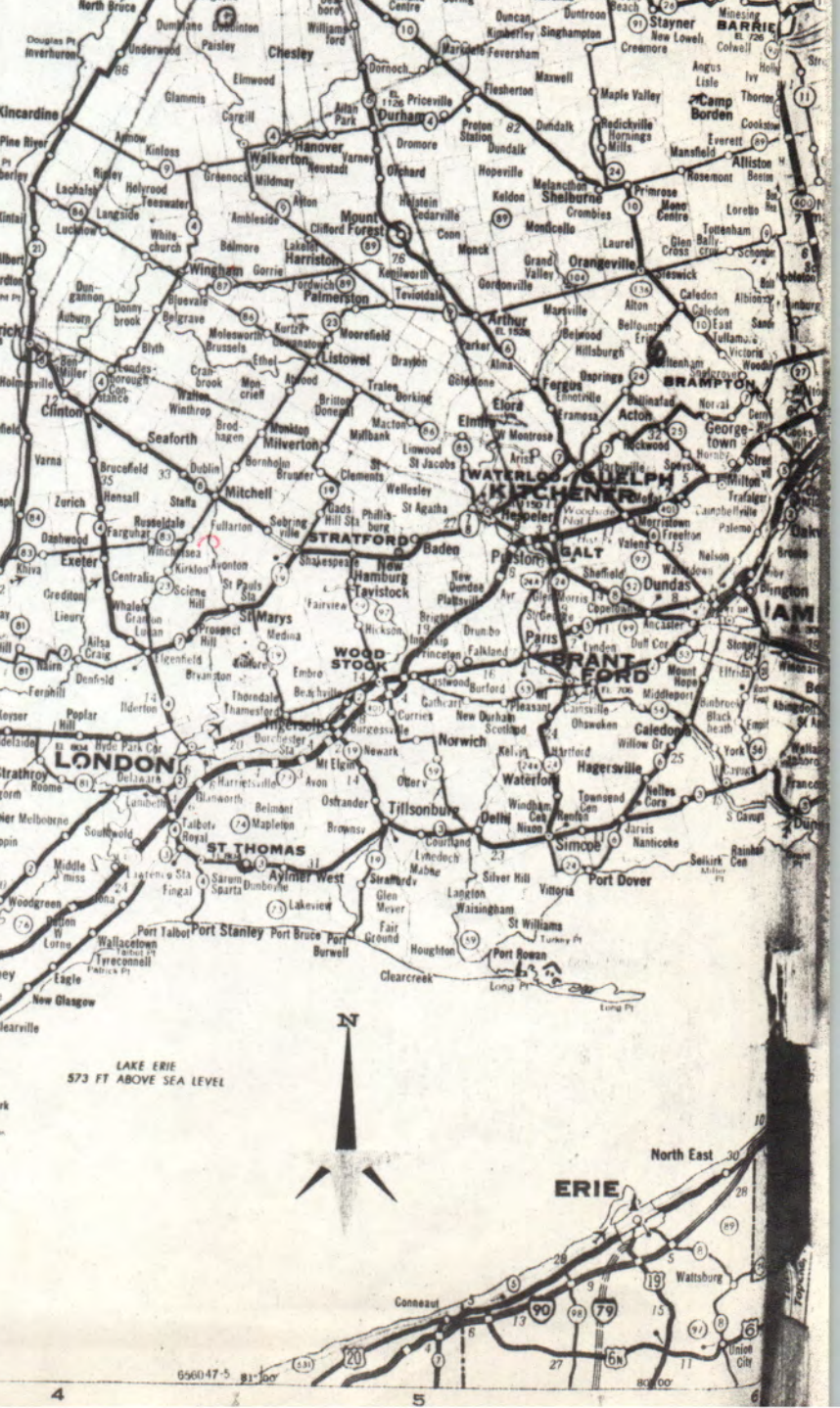
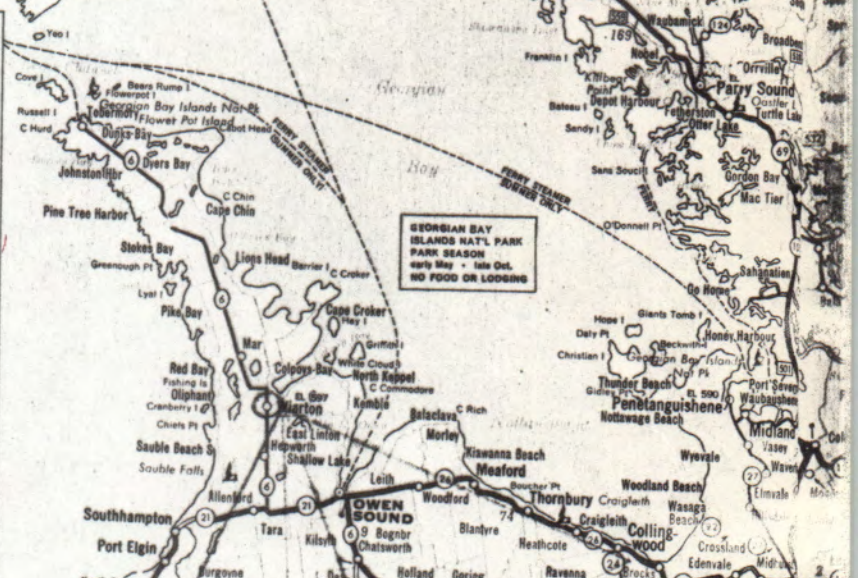
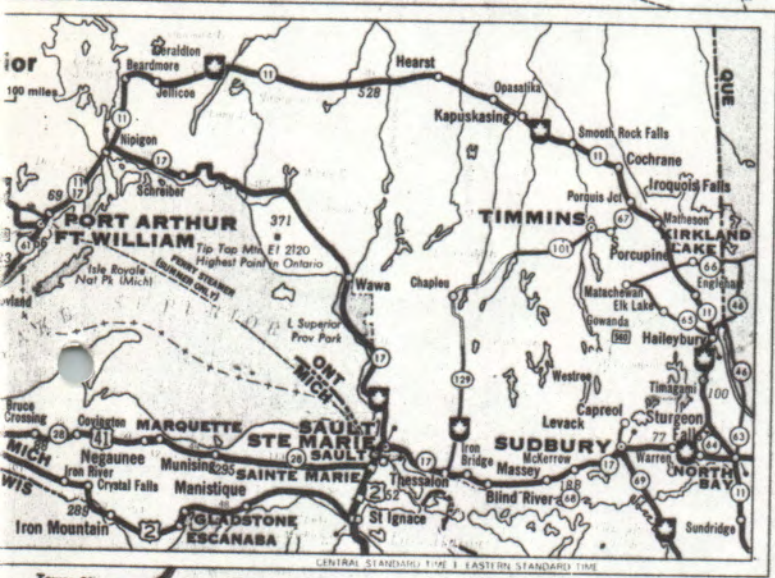
15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

(a) NO REMARKS

(b) The wind was of the most alarming and violent character possible. The destruction of property was considerable. A brick building had an end blown in, 3 frame houses in one block were blown to pieces, while others were unroofed.

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PARK OPEN ALL YEAR  
MAIN SEASON early April - late Oct.  
NO FOOD OR LODGING



FRIDAY JULY 29TH 1870      STORM DATE SUNDAY JULY 24TH 1870.

TORNADO IN CHATHAM

A most fearful tornado occurred at CHATHAM between three and four o' clock Sunday afternoon, which rivalled in intensity the late tornado at MONTREAL. The storm commenced about three o' clock, with fearful sheets of rain water, and hailstones as big as pigeons eggs. The wind was of the most alarming and violent character possible, and can only be compared to the tornadoes which sweep the Eastern seas. The destruction of property was considerable. A brick building had an end blown in; three frame houses in one block are blown to pieces, and the roofs blown off from brick houses, roofs boards as well. The water lay very deep in the streets; the sidewalks were afloat, and many cellars in the town were flooded. The crops in the neighborhood were all but destroyed, whole fields of corn and grain were laid flat, as if an iron roller had passed over them. Between THAMESVILLE and CHATHAM the tornado made a clean lane through the woods for a distance of nearly half a mile, the track being about 60 or 70 feet wide. The trees were twisted and torn in every conceivable manner. Happily no one was injured. This dreadful storm caused the greatest possible panic and consternation there. The like has never been before known in that district.