IDTO - ID Number : 693510
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code : b2
TITL - Report Title or Location : Swinton Park
PROV - Province : Ontario
COUN - Counties :
REFS - References : Drayton Advocate
September 19, 1935 The Globe September 16, 1935, Orangeville
Banner October 3, 1935
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting : 17533450
NOTO - Touchdown Northing : 4888280
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code : 3000
DADA - Date of Data Entry : 26/06/1990
ZLDO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting :
NOLO - Liftoff Northing :
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code :
DEAD - Number of Fatalities :
HURT - Number of People Injured :
HERT - Injuries Code :
DATA - Date of Tornado : 14/09/1935
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado : 1630
TIMR - Time Meridian : 75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code : 20c
AXDA - Maximum Path Width :
AXVA - Max. Path Width Error & Code :
AVDA - Average Damage Width : 182
AVVA - Avg. Damage Width Error & Code : 10c
SADA - Sample Damage Width :
SAVA - Sample Damage Width Error & Code :
INTO - Initials : JAM
DFTO - Detailed Report Flag : n
JUNK - FRDA & DIMO & DALE :
CODA - Property Damage Code :
MISC - ORDE, PICS_TYPE, PICS_AVAIL, COCO : 2
MANY - Multiple Event Flag : n

MEMO: Barns and other farm buildings destroyed.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena : A
TSHP - Townships : Proton

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2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map)
   - SWINTON PARK (from the northwest)

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

4. PATH WIDTH
   - 200 YARDS

5. TORNADO PART OF SMALL 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, v.viu lightning, heavy rain, no rain, etc.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $UNKNOWN

11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE

12. TOTAL INJURED UNKNOWN

13. TOTAL HOMELESS UNKNOWN

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES
   - ORANGEVILLE BANNER, THU SEP 19, OCT 3, 1935
   - DRAFTON ADVOCATE, THUR SEP 19, 1935
   - THE GLOBE, SEP 16 1935 p1, 2.

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

   (a) No REMARKS, BUT CALLED "DISASTROUS CYCLONE"

   (b) Farm buildings, homes smashed. Trees and power lines destroyed. Machinery broken and twisted, livestock injured.
GOVERNMENT ASKED TO AID PROTON CYCLONE SUFFERERS.

The DUNDALK HERALD states that an effort will be made to obtain Government aid for the farmers in PROTON TOWNSHIP, seriously affected by the disastrous cyclone several weeks ago. It has come to the attention of DUNDALK residents that a similar appeal was made when a cyclone caused much damage near CORNWALL, but whether or not aid was received is not definitely known. It is said that F.R. OLIVER, M.P.P. for SOUTH GREY is taking the matter up with the Government in the interest of farmers in PROTON TOWNSHIP, while T.K. SLACK ex-M.P.P. for DUFFERIN, is said to be making an effort on behalf of the farmers affected in the PROTON-MELANCTHON TOWNLINE area. It transpires that not a single farmer of the 8 or 10 who suffered losses carried wind insurance.
A TERRIFIC STORM.

ORANGEVILLE and DISTRICT VISITED BY TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

A terrific rain and windstorm swept over ORANGEVILLE and district late Saturday afternoon accompanied by nearly continuous lightning and thunder. The rain fell in torrents and was driven by the wind in driving sheets that motoring or locomotion of any kind difficult and dangerous. Trees swayed wildly in the gale and in some cases were uprooted and hurled to the earth. The water ran down Broadway in torrents. Eaves and drainpipes were unable to carry off the rush and in some cases cellars were flooded. Flat roofs on business places were flooded and the rush of water searched out the weak spots and some storekeepers spent a busy and anxious half hour moving and protecting goods that were endangered by leaking roofs.

The lighting system went out of commision early in the storm and business places on Broadway were obliged to resort to coal oil lamps and candles in the early evening. MR. MARSHALL and his staff rushed repairs as soon as the storm abated and the lights came on again about 7 o'clock much to the relief of business men and citizens generally.

Little serious damage was reported in town. Some trees were uprooted. East of the COUNTY BUILDINGS a large branch was torn off a maple shade tree and thrown across the street. A tree on J.W.WILD'S grounds on MILL STREET suffered similarly. Open excavation work at the rear of the GRIGG CO. STORE, where extensive alterations are under way, was flooded and emergency shoring was rushed up to protect the foundations of the building.

McBRIEN BROS., 3RD. LINE, EAST, MONO, had 12 sheep killed by lightning and LAWRENCE COBEAN, MONO MILLS, lost two head of cattle from the same cause. SCOTT BROS. house on the old homestead, LOT 17, 1ST LINE EAST, MONO, was struck by lightning. Several rafters were splintered, but neighbors noticed and were able to extinguish the fire. GEORGE MOUNTFORD'S barn in the same district was partly unroofed.

Roads were washed out badly in some places. The 3RD., 4TH., and 6TH. lines, MONO, North of the HOCKLEY ROAD are said to have suffered badly, as well as the 3RD. LINE, south of the HOCKLEY ROAD. A serious washout occurred on the HOCKLEY ROAD itself at the sand hill in the 6TH.
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CONCESSION a short distance east of WOODSIDE. At this point the water tore out a cut from 4 to 6 feet deep and about 6 feet wide making the road impassable. During the early evening traffic to ORANGEVILLE was obliged to detour by MONO MILLS. Roadmaster, T.H. MOFFITT and four men were on the job an hour after the storm ceased and had the road open for traffic by 10 o'clock Saturday night. A grader was busy all day Monday and two trucks were occupied Monday and Tuesday hauling earth to fill the washout, before permanent repairs were completed.

The storm flattened buckwheat badly, but apart from this did not do any serious damage on farms. Some grain is still in the fields for stock threshing, which was held up for a few days. The rain was badly needed and will help late potatoes and other root crops greatly. The storm was the worst experienced here for several years.

ORANGEVILLE BANNER. THURSDAY SEPT. 26TH. 1935.

A description of a TORNADO. "As defined by the Encyclopedia Britannica".
DRAYTON ADVOCATE. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1935.

STORM DATE. ABOUT 5:30 P.M., SAT. SEPT. 14TH. (SWINTON PARK)

Hurricane winds, drenching rains and lightning swept through Central Ontario. Saturday night, causing an estimated thousands of dollars' damage to property, disrupting power services, and, in some instances, strangling highway traffic according to Toronto daily press.

Roaring out of the northwest about 5:30 p.m. on Saturday a cyclone hit SWINTON PARK (about 10 miles West of DUNDALK), smashing farm buildings and homes in its path and destroying trees and power lines. Most seriously damaged was the farm of RICHARD and JAMES HARDY, in SWINTON PARK, whose out-buildings were completely demolished and whose home was partly destroyed, with damages to the home estimated at $6,000.

Reports of violent storms were made from ORANGEVILLE, MIDLAND, MEAFORD, SWITH FALLS, ST. THOMAS and PARIS and DURHAM. The cyclone, according to eyewitnesses, cut a path nearly 200 yards wide and battered everything before it. At least five other farms were damaged. Homes were blown down, machinery was broken and twisted, trees were uprooted and livestock was injured.

Unlucky was WILLIAM ALCORN, also of SWINTON PARK, who was rebuilding his home following its destruction by fire. The cyclone levelled it to its foundation again. Other houses in this area reported damaged were those of ARCHIE FERGUSON, L. MCKINNON, W. R. SCOTT and a Mrs. Brown, along with others unidentified.

ORANGEVILLE reported the heaviest damage. Hundreds of trees were blown down, smashing hydro lines as they fell. The hurricane winds played havoc in the town, and tore off roofs, and destroyed property in the rural districts.

Downpouring rains washed out sections of roads, causing long delays to traffic, while repair gangs worked feverishly.

At MIDLAND the storm caused a three-hour interruption to the power service and $2,000 damage to lines. At SWITHS FALLS, the power was off for twenty minutes during a break on the GATINEAU line.

Lightning struck and destroyed the barn of ROBERT WILSON of the ST. THOMAS district. Neighbors organized a bucket brigade to prevent the fire from spreading. The livestock was saved.

Drenching rains swept PARIS in the early evening, delaying highway traffic near the western approach to the high-level bridge.

Similarly, rain storms swept through MEAFORD and turned the
CONT. SWINTON PARK TORNADO, SAT. SEPT 14TH.

ball park into a bleak field of mud and rain, causing postponement of the semi-finals of the junior Ontario baseball playoffs.
Cyclonic Storm
Hits Central Ontario Areas

Houses and Barns Are Wrecked, Live Stock Injured

TRAFFIC TIE-UPS

Hurricane winds, drenching rains and lightning swept through Central Ontario Saturday night, causing un-estimated thousands of dollars' damage to property, disrupting power services, and, in some instances, strangling highway traffic.

Buildings Demolished.

Roaring out of the northwest about 5:30 p.m. on Saturday a cyclone hit Swinton Park, smashing farm buildings and homes in its path and destroying trees and power lines. Most seriously damaged was the farm of Richard and James Hardy, in Swinton Park, whose outbuildings were completely demolished and whose home was partly destroyed, with damages to the house estimated at $900.

Reports of violent storms were made from Orangeville, Midland, Mentford, Smiths Falls, St. Thomas and Paris and Durham. The cyclone, according to eyewitnesses, made a path 50 to 75 miles wide and Mitchell everything before it. At least five other farms were destroyed. Homes "were blown down, machinery was broken and twisted, trees were uprooted and live stock was injured."

Unlucky was William Ayres, also of Swinton Park, who was rebuilding his home following its destruction by fire. The cyclone leveled it to its foundation again. Other homes in this area reported damaged were those of Archie Ebridge, D. McKinnon, W. K....

CYCLONIC STORM

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