Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number	:694012
AUTH - Report Author	:
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code	:b2
TITL - Report Title or Location	:Aurora
PROV - Province	:Ontario
COUN - Counties	:York
REFS - References	:GM May 20, 1940
Evening Telegram Toronto May 20, 1940	
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting	:17623460
NOTO - Touchdown Northing	:4869110
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code	:1000c
DADA - Date of Data Entry	:07/07/1990
ZOLO - 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	:19/05/1940
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code	:
TITO - Time of Tornado	:1700
TIMR - Time Meridian	:75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code	:69s
AXDA - Maximum Path Width	:
AXVA - Max. Path Width Error & Code	:
AVDA - Average Damage Width	:
AVVA - Avg. Damage Width Error & Code	:
SADA - Sample Damage Width	:
SAVA - Sample Damage Width Error & Code	:
INTO - Initials	:JAM
DFTO - Detailed Report Flag	:n
JUNK - PRDA & DIMO & DALE :	
CODA - Property Damage Code	:
MISC - ORDE,PICS_TYPE,PICS_AVAIL,COCO	: 112
MANY - Multiple Event Flag	:y

MEMO:350 foot CFRB radio transmission tower blown down.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena	:P
TSHP - Townships	:Aurora

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The tack room of one barn was ripped into bits, and it is considered fortunate that none of the boys was in it at the time the storm struck.

Thorncliffe's spring race meeting is slated to open on May 27. "We cannot have the three barns rebuilt by that time, but we will be able to care for most of the horses," Mr Livingston said last night.

Radio Tower Crashes.

Like the skeleton of a prehistoric monster, one of radio station CFRB's 300 foot steel twin aerial towers was piled in a crumpled heap on the hills south of Aurora after the storm had torn it loose from the cement base. Top half of the most westerly of the two towers that had sucessfully withstood all wind and weather for several years was pancaked flat on the ground.

The wrecked tower fell toward the other one, and therefore did not pull down both towers, which are connected by the heavy steel and aluminum aerial cable.

J. R. Cooper, operator at the transmitter building, about 1,000 yards north of the towers said the wind and rain made so much noise that the crash of the tower was not heard in the building. When the tower came down it shortcircuited the antenna to the ground and put the transmitter off the air.

H. S. Dawson, chief engineer of C.F.R.B. hurried from the city to direct a crew of men attempting to rig up a temporary aerial and get the station back on the air before midnight. They toiled in fog so thick that less than half of the remaining tower's framework was visible from the ground.

Children Hurled 20 Feet.

Considerable damage was caused at Stevensville, seven miles west of Fort Erie. Large trees were uprooted and a large barn owned by William Watchhorn was completely wrecked. Mr. Watchhorn's two small children, a boy 6, and a girl, 2, standing near the barn, were lifted by the force of the gale and thrown about twenty feet.

Five horses were buried in debris when another barn owned by Chester Winger collapsed, and it required some time to free the animals. Power communication throughout the area was temporarily disturbed.

A new ticket office was blown over and a 150 foot stable smashed to Kindling at the Markham Fair grounds. The debris blocked traffic on the highway for a considerable time.

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Guard's Shack Blown Into Canal

Niagara Falls, Ont. May 20 (Special). Bert Sinnick, a Provincial police veteran guard, lost his glasses, flashlight, tunic, hat, keys and rifle during the high windstorm which swept over the district yesterday, it was revealed tonight.

They have not been recovered.

His shack was swept into the Hydro Canal. His watch and whistle were hanging on a nail in the shack which was fished out of the water.

He escaped unhurt as the building began to sway

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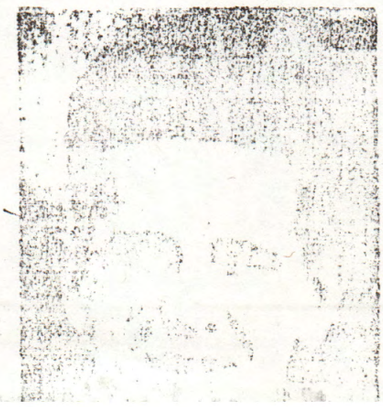
Plane Crash in Storm Kills Two