

Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number	:692008
AUTH - Report Author	:
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code	:c0
TITL - Report Title or Location	:Richmond Hill
PROV - Province	:Ontario
COUN - Counties	:York
REFS - References	:The Globe August 23, 1920
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting	:17625610
NOTO - Touchdown Northing	:4859600
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code	:2500o
DADA - Date of Data Entry	:16/07/1990
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	:21/08/1920
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code	:
TITO - Time of Tornado	:1200
TIMR - Time Meridian	:75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code	:416s
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	: 1
MANY - Multiple Event Flag	:y

MEMO:Roofs taken off outbuildings and wooden silos blown down.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena	:P
TSHP - Townships	:Richmond Hill

JAM, 16/07/1990

STORM DATE:

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STORM CAUSES LOCAL DAMAGE

But Corn is the Only Feed
Crop to Suffer
Seriously

Saturday's rain and windstorm wrought havoc in various parts of York county. In some sections the corn crop was knocked absolutely flat, chimneys blown down and barn roofs stripped of shingles. Plums, apples and pears were shaken from the trees, and in many orchards the ground was thickly covered with fruit. In Agincourt, Richmond Hill, Cooksville, Weston, Woodbridge and the country around heavy rain accompanied the windstorm. In Aurora, Newmarket, Oakville and Clarkson scarcely any rain fell and the wind did comparatively little damage. No damage was done in any quarter by lightning.

At Newmarket the wind snapped a high tension power wire and whirled it back and forth across the main street. The wire struck a horse being driven by Ross McGinly of Queensville and the animal was instantly killed.

At Richmond Hill several wooden sheds were blown down and the roofs taken off a number of outbuildings. The corn was laid flat as a pancake and some doubt was expressed by farmers as to whether it would rise again.

Orchards in the neighborhood of Weston were hard hit by the storm. No damage was reported in the vicinity of Agincourt or Markham, and, so far as could be learned, the storm centred around Richmond Hill.

The rain was badly needed in the country and will more than make up for what damage was done. Practically all the grain is cut, so that the only feed crop that suffered was the corn.