

Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :692002
 AUTH - Report Author :
 TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :cl
 TITL - Report Title or Location :Niagara Falls
 PROV - Province :Ontario
 COUN - Counties :Niagara
 REFS - References :The Globe September
 13, 1920
 ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :17656500
 NOTO - Touchdown Northing :4770500
 LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :1000o
 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 :11/09/1920
 DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
 TITO - Time of Tornado :1500
 TIMR - Time Meridian :75
 TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :104s
 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 : 2
 MANY - Multiple Event Flag :y

MEMO:Roofing torn off cannery, hundreds of trees and telephone poles bloiwn down. Tornado moved generally west to east and probably the same tornado is responsible for reported damage in Niagara Falls, New York.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :A P
 TSHP - Townships :Niagara Falls

JAM, 16/07/1990

THE GLOBE, TORONTO, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH. 1920.

STORM DATE. ABOUT 4 P.M., SAT. SEPT. 11TH. 1920.

NIAGARA FRUIT FARMS LAID WASTE IN VORTEX OF WARRING TEMPESTS.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

ST. CATHERINES, SEPT 12. The most severe wind and hail storm that has ever visited the NIAGARA FRUIT BELT swept over one portion of it yesterday afternoon, causing total losses to some growers. The destruction took place in a narrow area of about a half mile in width and about five miles in length, west of PORT WELLER, along the south shore of LAKE ONTARIO. As telephone connections between the fruit growers in that section is demoralized, the complete damage may not be known for a couple of days.

TWO STORMS GRAPPLE.

About 4 o'clock Saturday two storms, one from the northeast and another from the southwest, converged between ST. CATHERINES and the lake, causing a disturbance the like of which has not been seen since the tornadoes of 1898 and 1902.

FEAR END OF WORLD.

Almost complete darkness followed, causing many to think that the end of the world had come. Trees and telephone poles were snapped off, and orchards were completely dismantled, merely the trunks being left of trees which a few moments before were in full foliage and bending under the weight of abnormal crops of fruit.

VINEYARDS RIDDLED.

Vineyards heavily laden with grapes yesterday are to-day nothing but barren posts and wires with even the vines stripped off. Cornfields in the path of the storm are to-day mere stalks, bereft of cobs and foliage, even the stalks, in some instances, being riddled with hail until they hang like ribbons. Melon patches were transferred into areas of garbage, with the vines missing, while whole crops of onions were torn out of the ground. The greatest damage appears to have been to peaches and grapes, nearly all of the latter remaining uncut, while great quantities of late peaches had been unpicked.

ORCHARD IS RUINED.

As an example of the damage in the path of the storm, GEORGE X. WALKER, of GRANTHAM, estimates his loss at \$10,000. W.S. BUNTING of GRANTHAM also estimates his loss at about \$10,000. Orchards and fields from PORT WELLER beyond PORT DALHOUSIE are, with few exceptions, almost totally ruined.

TREE TRUNKS ACROSS RAILS BLOCK RADIALS.

(Special Despatch to The Globe)

NIAGARA FALLS, SEPT. 12. The summer of 1920 has been noted for several severe electric storms but the worst one of the season came yesterday, leaving devastation and damage in its wake. The storm broke almost without warning yesterday afternoon and was a combination of torrential rains, hail, wind and lightning. The factory of the NIAGARA FALLS CANNING COMPANY, a branch of the DOMINION CANNING Co., was struck by lightning and unroofed and the upper storey wrecked. Pieces of the roof 12 feet square were carried by the wind many hundreds of feet. The property damage alone will amount to \$20,000. Added to that is the damage to thousands of cans, full and empty. Workmen are to-day wiping the cans, as rust would ruin them and their contents.

IRON STANDARDS BENT.

QUEEN VICTORIA PARK is a scene of devastation. Hundreds of trees have been uprooted and blown down. Iron standards carrying light and power lines are bent and twisted like old hair pins. Heavy limbs lie scattered all over the park and the many live power lines make it dangerous for travel to-day, although thousands visited the park to see the damage.

There were many narrow escapes as the great trees crashed through picnic tables and on to seats. Many people had taken shelter below the great trees, and only panic-stricken flight saved them. Hundreds of workmen were to-day attempting to get the international line into shape but trees lie across the tracks and the standards are down.

POWER LINES DOWN

In NIAGARA FALLS a great deal of damage has been done. Century-old trees were torn up by the roots and thrown across the streets; heavy limbs are lying on nearly all the roadways. At the CENTRE especially there was a great deal of damage, with power, trolley, telegraph and telephone lines torn down by the fall of dozens of trees. The street car system carried on with a short break, and now passengers are being transferred at the CENTRE.

STAMFORD orchards have again been hard hit. Many of them were in the central part of the storm, and have been badly torn up. Poplar trees seem to have suffered most. Many beautiful ^{old} trees on LUNDY'S LANE have either been uprooted or broken off. The huge electric sky sign of the DOMINION CHAIN Co., visible for many miles around, is to-day merely a mass of twisted iron.

NO PERSONS INJURED.

Although many had narrow escapes, no accidents to persons have been reported. The streets of NIAGARA FALLS became raging torrents during the storm, and on some of the hills the metal was stripped and carried to the bottom.

To-day a high wind made travelling dangerous, as many trees and limbs weakened by the storm were continually falling. NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., also had a great deal of damage, the STATE RESERVATION being as bad as VICTORIA PARK here. Several big store windows were blown in, and the wind was so strong that baby buggies were torn from their mothers' grasps, to the great danger of the infants therein.

SIMCOE, SEPT. 12. A violent electric storm passed over just after midnight. Farm buildings struck by lightning and destroyed etc. etc.