Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :694813
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :c0
TITL - Report Title or Location :Thunder Bay (Port Arthur)
PROV - Province :Ontario
COUN - Counties :Thunder Bay District
REFS - References :GM August 28, 1948
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :16335000
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :5368000
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :5000c
DADA - Date of Data Entry :15/06/1990
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 :27/08/1948
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :0030
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :30c
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 :n

MEMO:Trees and telephone poles broken.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :P
TSHP - Townships :Thunder Bay

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STORM DATE: ABOUT 1:30AM, FRI. AUG 27 1948

SEVERE F4, PORT ARTHUR, ONT.

Hot Mushrooms

It's 140 in Norfolk Barn; Violent Storms in North

In the midst of the heat wave James McGhie, Scottish-born mushroom king of Norfolk County, advised every one yesterday to take it easy because if they wanted some real warmth they should step inside his culture barn near Simcoe, where the temperature was a mere 140 degrees.

"It has been that way for the past four days," Mr. McGhie said, "because we have been using live steam to sterilize the compost."

Mr. McGhie has to duck into the barn every morning and night to make sure the temperature is maintained at 140. If it went up to 145 the 200,000 mushrooms he expects to grow from his present crop of spawn would not be as big as they should be.

The temperature outside was exactly 100 degrees, and Mr. McGhie has to pay the owner of a steam traction outfit $2 an hour to bring it up to 140.

One of the most violent electrical storms in the history of the Lakehead struck Port Arthur and district early Friday morning, leaving a heavy toll of damaged trees, broken telephone poles and wires and washouts in its wake.

The storm started about 1:30 a.m. Torrential rains were accompanied by lightning and winds of cyclonic proportions with gusts estimated unofficially at 60 and 70 m.p.h.

The shrieking wind bent sturdy trees like saplings and brought thousands of sleeping residents to abrupt wakefulness. Thunder was particularly heavy between 1:30 and 2:30 and at least one residence was struck by lightning.

At Montreal the temperature had reached 90 when Defense Minister Claxton entered Longue Pointe Ordnance Depot to present certificates to officer cadets. As he walked in the band struck up "The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck."