

Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :693322  
 AUTH - Report Author :  
 TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :c1  
 TITL - Report Title or Location :Norwich  
 PROV - Province :Ontario  
 COUN - Counties :Oxford  
 REFS - References :The Globe June 9,  
 1933  
 ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :17532600  
 NOTO - Touchdown Northing :4759300  
 LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :500c  
 DADA - Date of Data Entry :28/06/1990  
 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 :08/06/1933  
 DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :  
 TITO - Time of Tornado :1100  
 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 :5  
 MISC - ORDE,PICS\_TYPE,PICS\_AVAIL,COCO :1 2  
 MANY - Multiple Event Flag :n

MEMO:Barns and silos 'wrecked'. Roofs lifted off stores on  
 main street of Norwich.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :A P  
 TSHP - Townships :Norwich

JAM, 28/06/1990



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1. DATE AND TIME THUR. 8. 6. 1933 NOON EDT

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) NORWICH 0933-09

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

4. PATH WIDTH  U 5. TORNADO PART OF SQUALL 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 HAIL  
(Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE \$MANY THOU. 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE

12. TOTAL INJURED NONE 13. TOTAL HOMELESS UNKNOWN

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES THE GLOBE, TORONTO, JUNE 9 1933 p1.

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

(a) none but called a cyclonic storm.

(b) Barns, silos wrecked. Roofs lifted off stores on the main street of Norwich and carried hundreds of feet.





This is a detailed road map of Southern Ontario, Canada. The map shows a dense network of roads connecting various municipalities and towns. Major cities and towns labeled include:  
- **Georgian Bay Area:** Owen Sound, Meaford, Thornbury, Wasaga Beach, Collingwood, Stayner, Creemore, Shelburne, Orangeville, Grand Valley, Mount Forest, Durham, Dundalk, Markdale, Chatsworth, Chatham, Watford, Woodford, Woodstock, Brantford, Cambridge, Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Stratford, St. Marys, Woodstock, Brantford, Cambridge, Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Stratford, St. Marys.  
- **Western Ontario:** London, Ingersoll, Woodstock, Brantford, Cambridge, Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Stratford, St. Marys.  
- **Eastern Ontario:** Brantford, Cambridge, Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Stratford, St. Marys.  
- **Other locations:** Simcoe, Port Dover, Port Stanley, Port Burwell, Long Point, Simcoe, Port Dover, Port Stanley, Port Burwell, Long Point.  
The map also features a grid of latitude and longitude lines, and various road numbers indicating different routes. The map is oriented with North at the top.



WEDNESDAY'S STORM

CYCLONE AT NORWICH AS HEAT WAVE CLAIMS FIRST VICTIM.

# Cities Are Gasping in Torrid Weather; It's 110 in the Sun

## "Lady of Snows"

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

MONTREAL, June 8. — Surprised and annoyed at Montreal's climate, a sweltering Miami real estate man is losing no time in getting back to Florida. "This is the first time I've been in Canada," he said, "and I want to know why it's been kept from me that the climate here is hotter than blazes." Wiping his brow, he said he thought he'd start a resort here, so that when his customers complained of its being chilly at Miami he could ship them to Montreal, after which they would appreciate the coolness of Florida's equable climate.

### Oxford County Centre Picks Itself Out of Wreckage After Sudden Gale—Thermometer Registers 90 Degrees or More in Kitchener, Brantford, Goderich, Stratford and Sault

### WEDNESDAY TOLL KEEPS MOUNTING

Heat caused one death at London, and another cyclonic storm caused widespread havoc in the Ingersoll district of harassed Western Ontario yesterday.

#### First Victim.

John Irwin, aged 53, Concession 3, Westminster Township, was the summer's first heat victim, expiring at the wheel of his automobile after having delivered milk to Dorchester Cheese Factory, London, Ont. To drive but a few yards from the factory, seemed to lose control, and the machine dashed down the street and into a ditch. A physician pronounced him dead from a stroke of paralysis brought on by heat.

Norwich Village and district constituted the centre of yesterday's gale, which tore roofs from houses and barns, caved in silos, and deposited telegraph poles, trees and branches across the roads and fences of the district. Crops were flattened, and so heavy were the hailstones which accompanied the downpour of rain that motorists were compelled to stop their cars to prevent windshields being broken.

#### Cleaning Up After Wednesday.

Storm—heat—and more storm, has been the order of Southern Ontario's weather mishaps of the past two days, yesterday's visitation of devastating winds sweeping down on districts which had hardly begun to clean up after the storm of Wednesday. The heat was reported from some areas at from 90 to 95 degrees, and the most oppressive because of the humidity. Toronto's heat registered 10 degrees less than the top figure reported from Western Ontario.

Exeter district counted a total of twenty-five barns and outbuildings flattened by the storm of Wednesday; a church roof was lifted in Osborne Township, and a man blown off a fence; in the Centralia and Crediton districts widespread damage is reported, with one farmer injured when caught by the debris of his falling barn.

#### From a Clear Sky.

Ingersoll, June 8.—Breaking from a clear sky shortly before noon, a cyclonic storm broke in the Tillsonburg and Norwich district that left in its wake many thousands of dollars' worth of destruction and damage. As the storm advanced the low-lying clouds caused much alarm, which was fully realized one hour later. The village of Norwich appeared to be the very centre of the storm's violence where the roofs of two main street stores were lifted clear off the buildings and carried hundreds of feet without causing any injuries. Every street in the village was blocked by fallen trees and telephone poles.

Two miles east of the village the large barn of M. Pows was totally destroyed by fire, together with implements and grain, when struck by lightning. Three miles east of Tillsonburg the large roof on Joe Oatman's barn was lifted, and Anderson's silo further up the road was caved in by the wind.

Mail carriers out of Tillsonburg had a struggle doing their routes with trees and telephone poles strewn across the roads and fences and electrical display was the most wind in several years. Grain and hay were flattened and the much-needed rain was accompanied by large-sized hail. Motorists on the road were compelled to stop their cars for safety sake, so terrific was the wind, but fortunately no casualties have been reported.

Later reports indicate the barn of Charles Williams two miles north of Tillsonburg was unroofed and numerous silos throughout Deerham Township were destroyed. In the Town of Tillsonburg several large trees were blown over, causing considerable damage.

#### Sweiter' in Kitchener.

Kitchener, June 8.—This city today sweltered in a heat wave as it recovered from the buffeting of yesterday's storm. From various parts of the district, with telephonic service resumed, came reports indicating the damage was more extensive than was at first supposed.

At St. Jacobs, two horses were killed by lightning on the farm and Edward Ritter and Mr. and Mrs. Ritter were shocked by the bolt, which entered the house, threw Ritter from the couch on which he was lying and temporarily stunned his wife. At

Rummelhardt, another horse was killed on the farm of I. C. Hallman.

Mrs. John Staffler, Kitchener, was injured when she was blown downstairs by the wind. She was hurrying to close a window when the wind caught her and blew her out of the room and down the staircase.

Mrs. Albert Bruder was watching the barn on her farm when she saw the entire roof go sailing away, to crash in an orchard 200 yards away. Her son Jack had just finished un hitching a team when a heavy beam came through the air and smashed the wagon to pieces.

The intense heat caused a peculiar fire in New Hamburg today, but luckily no real damage occurred. A blaze broke out in a drug store owing to a bottle of phosphorous igniting. Ordinarily, this is kept under water or in a very cool place, but after the 80-degree mark is reached it will ignite. The store proprietor did not know that he had it, the bottle being among a bankrupt drug stock that he had purchased recently.

#### 91 Degrees at Brantford.

Brantford, June 8.—While counting up its losses from the two vicious wind, electric and rain storms of the previous day, Brantford and district sweltered under an intense heat wave, which culminated in a temperature of 94 in the shade at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Humidity was intense, possibly as an aftermath of yesterday's moisture, and work was carried on under difficulties in most offices. Hospital patients, including three victims of lightning shock from the previous day, were among the sufferers.

Linemen of telegraph and telephone companies put in a strenuous day today, with the excessive heat overhead and the unusual storm conditions having brought a flood of trouble. The Bell Telephone Company reported 450 phones out of order this morning, while throughout the countryside many lines were down through broken wires or poles carried away by the wind. All day reports continued to come in of barns and silos wrecked, of crop damage from flooding of low areas, and of heavy blows struck at the farm community in the entire district, but particularly to the west of Brantford.

#### Barns and Silos Blown Over.

Numerous barns, silos and farm buildings were blown over, and some carried away by the fury of yesterday's storm. A survey in this district today showed the neighboring countryside was in the direct path of the storm which proved damaging to many.

Among those who had barns and silos wrecked were: J. Roffell, Charles Arnold, J. Hammond, Albert Piper, Frank Miller, Hugh White, Louis Holt, Philip Durham, all of Burford-Northfield area; Thomas Virtue, Princeton, A. Virtue, also Princeton; J. Rosewell, C. Silverthorne, J. Gooderham, W. and Austin Roswell, Roy Shellington, W. Camp, Mrs. W. Boyce, Mrs. F. Churchill, C. Andrews, Mrs. W. Davidson, D. Hilliard, Mrs. H. Loveless, Mrs. Frank Chapman, all of Kelvin; Charles R. Brooks, Philip Durham, Albert Pepper, Harry Fields, Walter Hilliard, Joseph Brethour.

At Muir, William Skippen was buried in the wreckage of his barn, which killed a dog and injured two horses. The farmer, however, escaped uninjured.

Tractors were called to clear away some eighty trees littered across the highways near Kelvin.

#### Intense Heat.

St. Catharines, June 8.—Intense heat today succeeded yesterday's double-header storm, and the mercury hovered around 90 this afternoon. The debris from the storm is being rapidly cleared away and estimates made of the damage. The heavy rain was beneficial to the growers, though coming so heavily it washed out the soil in many instances.

A conservative estimate today places the damage in this vicinity at about \$100,000. Growers estimated that the grape crop was 25 per cent. damaged, the plum crop about 90 per cent. and the cherry crop about 75 per cent. In addition, thousands of tomato plants and cabbage plants were ruined, fruit trees were uprooted, barns overturned, outhouses blown away and roofs torn loose.

#### At Stratford.

Stratford, June 8.—Stratford today is sweltering in an intense heat wave which sent the mercury to a new high mark of the year—92 degrees—shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Thermometers on street corners, standing in the full force of the blistering heat went scurrying up to around 97 degrees, but the official reading was 92 degrees.

#### Dignity Forgotten.

Lindsay, June 8.—Dignity and decorum was forgotten this afternoon at the meeting of Victoria County Council, when the members doffed their coats, opened all ventilators, and sought any breeze that was going. The thermometers registered 86 above.

#### 110 in the Sun.

Ingersoll, June 8.—This town sweltered today in what was generally believed to be the hottest June in its history. Several thermometers registered 95 degrees in the shade, while another one on which old Sol beamed with all his glory and registered 110 degrees at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

#### Drought Is Ended.

Simcoe, June 8.—Yesterday's severe wind storm, accompanied by heavy rain, put an end to a long and severe drought which has existed for more than four weeks in sections of this county and threatened to wipe out a large percentage of the tobacco acreage. As it is many farmers have been forced to replant as a result of the drought and windstorm of a week ago, and plants at the present time are at a premium. Agricultural officials, following a check-up today, announce that yesterday's storm caused considerable damage on tobacco farms in the district. Many kilns were blown over, while greenhouses suffered the loss of much glass. Other farmers state that the second downpour last evening beat down plants of all varieties, and many will have to be replanted.

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