

JUNE

1. DATE AND TIME 23.6.1964.
2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) 30 MI N TIMMINS 06964-01
From 260° (W-E)
3. PATH LENGTH NOT KNOWN <1mi; 1-1/2mi; 5-10mi; 11-50mi; LENGTH IF >50mi
10.4 Km
4. PATH WIDTH UNKNOWN 5. TORNADO PART OF 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 (Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.)
10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE \$ UNKNOWN 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE
12. TOTAL INJURED NONE 13. TOTAL HOMELESS NONE
14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

WIND FORCES - TIMMINS, JUNE 23

A FILING MEMORANDUM OF ONTARIO HYDRO
DATED JULY 10, 1964.

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

A LINE OF TREES BROKEN OFF IN VICINITY OF
EHV HYDRO ELECTRIC LINE. EXAMINED BY HELICOPTER.
CALCULATIONS INDICATE WINDS OF > 100 MPH NEEDED
TO CAUSE THE DAMAGE OBSERVED AND BELIEVED TO BE A
TORNADO.

WORKSHEET

IDTO 06964-01

① ORIGIN x 17466500
 y 5415000

⑤ Standard Error S_x
 C2000

② LIFT-OFF x_1 17477200
 y_1 5415500

⑥ Standard Error S_y
 C2000

③ $(x_1 - x) = 10700$

④ $(y_1 - y) = 500$

⑦ DAMAGE LENGTH

$L = [(x_1 - x)^2 + (y_1 - y)^2]^{1/2}$ ⑧ $\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{|y_1 - y|}{|x_1 - x|}$

③ + ④ $\rightarrow r, \theta = 10712 \text{ m}$

$x \leftrightarrow y = 30^\circ$

⑨ Standard Error $S_L = (S_x^2 + S_y^2)^{1/2}$

⑤ + ⑥ $\rightarrow r, \theta = 2828 \text{ m}$

⑩ $\beta = \frac{\tan^{-1} S_L}{L}$

⑦ + ⑨ $\rightarrow r, \theta$
 $x \leftrightarrow y = 15^\circ$

NE Quad $\phi = 90 - \alpha$

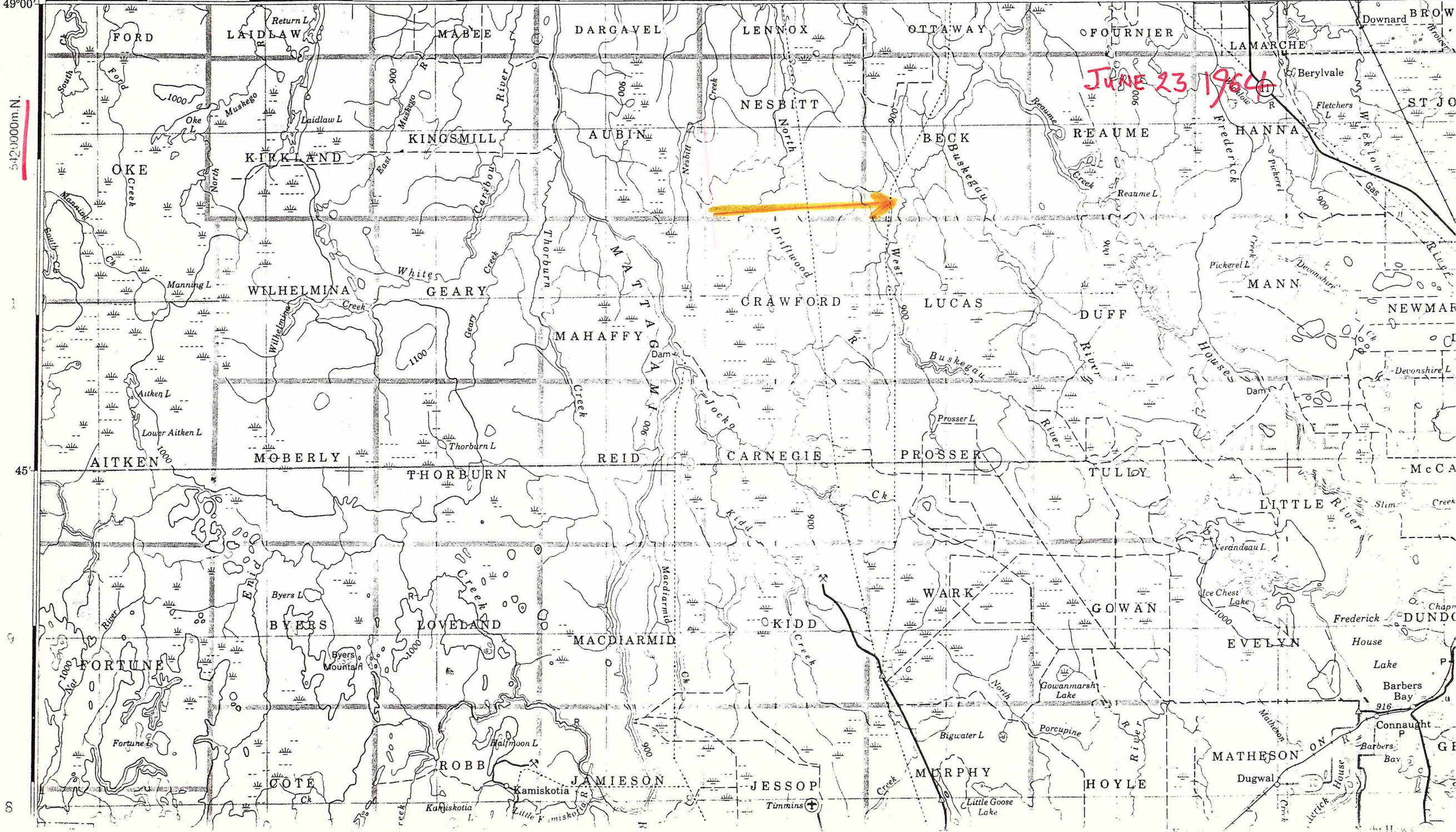
SE Quad $\phi = 90 + \alpha$

NW Quad $\phi = 270 + \alpha$

SW Quad $\phi = 270 - \alpha$

⑪ $\phi = 267^\circ$

43000m.E. 82°00' 4 45' 5 6 30' 7 8 15' 9 81°00'



5420000m.N.

45'

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FORD

LIDLAW

MABEE

DARGAVEL

LENNOX

OTTAWAY

OFOURNIER

LAMARCHE

Downward BROW

OKE

KIRKLAND

KINGSMILL

AUBIN

NESBITT

BECK

REAUME

HANNA

ST JO

WILHELMINA

GEARY

MAHAFFY

CRAWFORD

LUCAS

DUFF

MANN

NEWMAR

AITKEN

MOBERLY

THORBURN

REID

CARNEGIE

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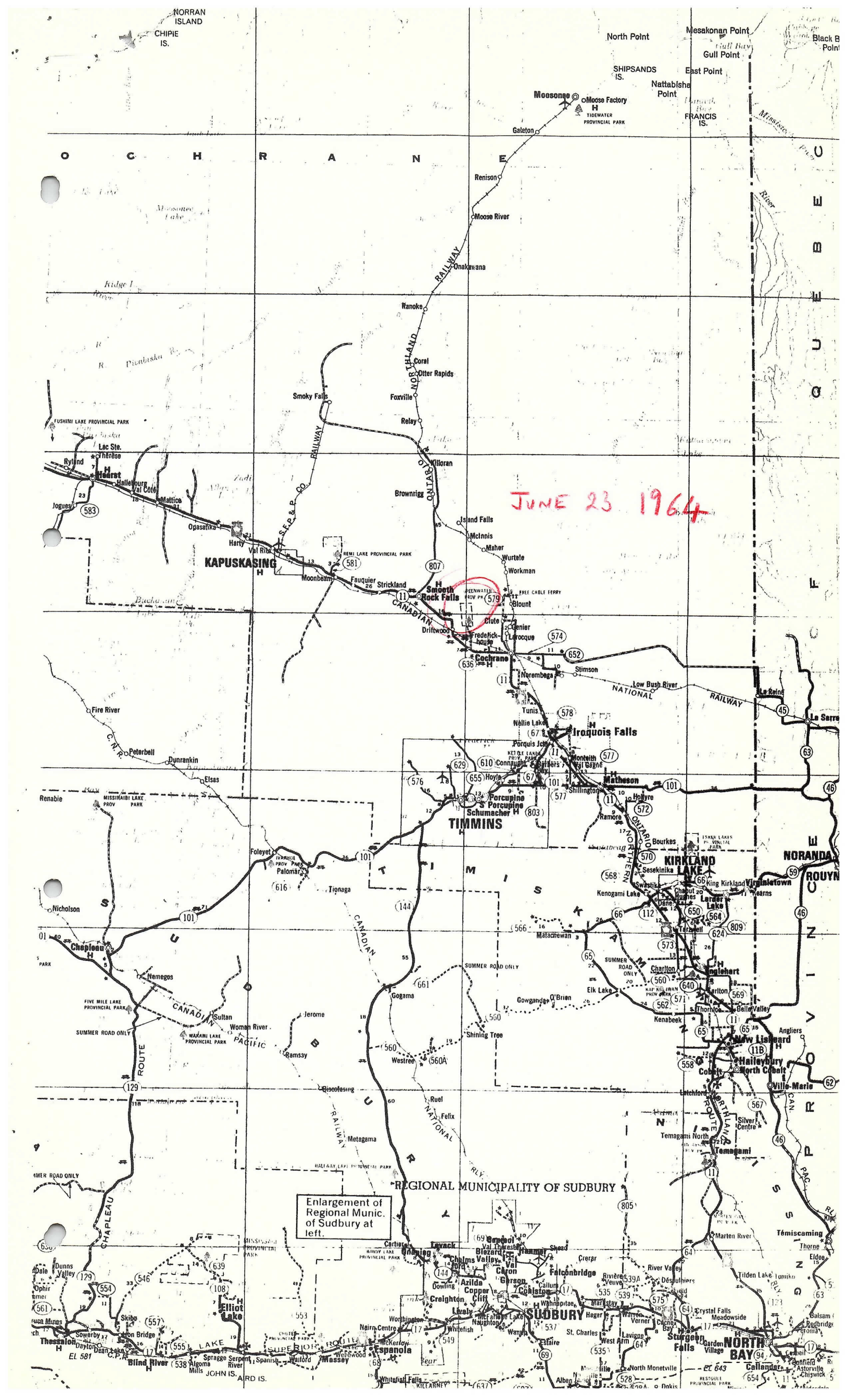
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MURPHY

HOYLE

MATHESON ON

Barbers Bay



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Enlargement of Regional Munic. of Sudbury at left.

July 10, 1964

FILING MEMORANDUM

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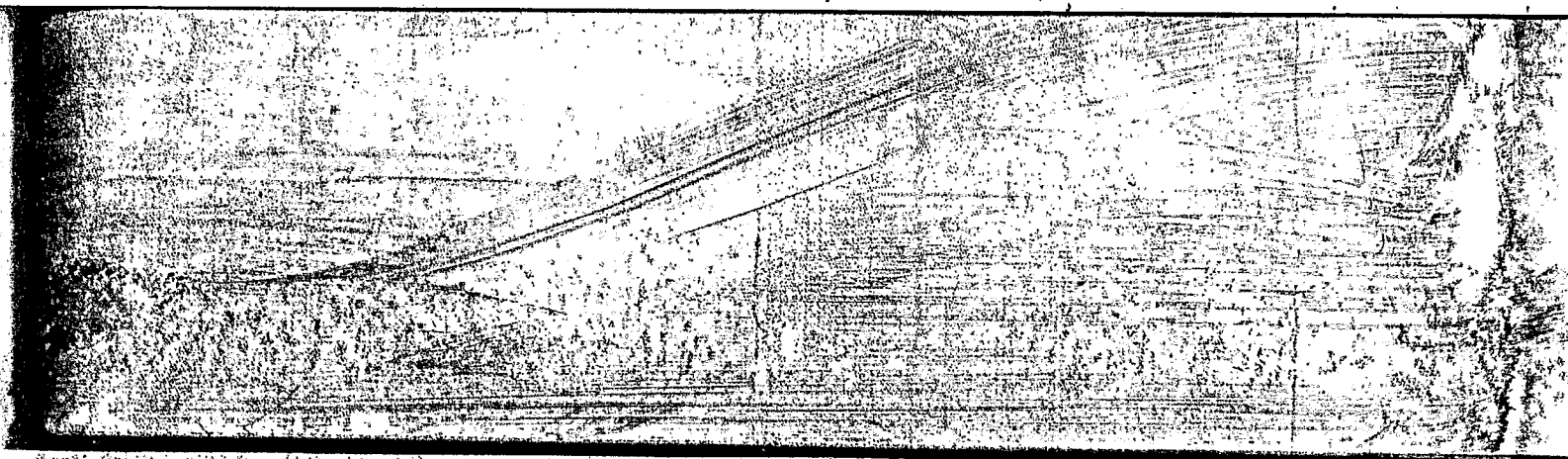
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Mr. J. Platt, Research Division, studied the forces which would be required to break structurally sound trees of the type noted above with the following results.

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Meteorological Summary

The instability of the air which is a measure of the air to produce storms was sufficiently severe as to indicate that a tornado was possible. The location of a strong low-pressure area moving just to the north of Timmins which became warm and humid with heavy thunderstorms in the vicinity during the late afternoon are further evidence that this weather situation had the ability to provide singularly powerful thunder and wind storms. This evidence was confirmed by the damage to trees in this area.

Summary

It is suggested that the forces required to break 10 inch trees (at break point) which give a range of velocities from 100-200 mph are the best estimate of winds for this storm. This value agrees reasonably well with a Bayesian analysis of past storms including that at Courtright in 1960.

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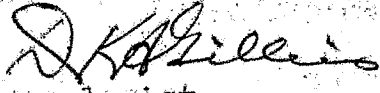
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