
**Probable Tornado
Pikestone Point Peninsula, Ontario
June 30, 1994**

Date- Local: Thursday, June 30th, 1994

UTC: Thursday, June 30th, 1994

Time- Local: 1604

UTC: 2104

Location: Pikestone Point Peninsula (S of Kenora)

Region: Kenora-Nestor Falls

Classification: Probable Tornado

Category: B

Casualties: None

Track Length: None available

Width: None available

Motion: None available

Damage Estimate: None available

F-Scale Rating: F2

Code: UH

Damage Survey: None

Spotter Reports: None

Other Documents:

1994 Manitoba Environmental Service Centre Summer Severe Weather Report by Mark Geryland, documenting reported severe weather events for NW Ontario
Map showing approximate location of tornado.

Tornado F-Scale Assessment

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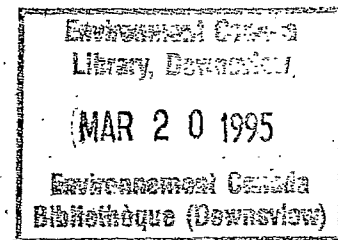
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Explanation of Assessment: Cottage blown into lake and lots of trees down. Report from OPP officers about a tornado causing extensive damage to bush and some property in Pikestone point peninsula. Guest cottage blown into lake, 16ft boat severely damaged, lots of trees down.

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**THE 1994 MANITOBA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE
CENTRE**

SUMMER SEVERE WEATHER REPORT

by

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1. INTRODUCTION

Intense thunderstorm activity, like all weather elements in their extremes, pose a threat to life and property. Each summer, a national watch and warning program is initiated to alert the public where and when intense thunderstorm activity is expected. The main purpose of this report is to review and evaluate the 1994 summer severe weather season in order to improve the effectiveness of the Manitoba Environmental Service Centre (MENSC) forecast program. Included in this report is a chronological listing of all watches and warnings issued and all confirmed severe weather events in 1994. (See Appendices 1 and 2)

2. THE 1994 SUMMER SEVERE WEATHER PROGRAM

2.1 Program Overview

The MENSC operated a severe weather desk from May to September 1994. Watches and warnings were issued for Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. In 1994 the Saskatchewan Environmental Service Centre (SENSC) took over the responsibilities for Saskatchewan. The program was on standby for the last half of April and through September and could be put into operation when required.

The Severe Weather Desk was staffed by a severe weather specialist daily, including weekends, between the hours of 1000 and 2040 CST. Mainly three individuals worked the desk this summer. On occasion, as dictated by weather conditions, staffing was extended into the evening/night. Due to shortage of staff no severe weather assistants were used during the summer.

Standard summer severe weather assessment techniques as developed by Miller (1972) were performed with 12Z surface and upper air data. Additional techniques developed since 1972 were also utilized. The forecaster would assess the potential for convection based on the synoptic conditions and issue prognostic charts indicating areas of severe convection valid for 12 hours later.

Due to operational requirements and poor performance during previous years the KASSPr system (Knowledge Augmented Severe Storms Predictor system) was not run at the MENSC as part of the 1994 Summer Severe Weather program.

Watches were issued on the basis of the potential for severe weather and/or actual development. Warnings were issued when severe weather was imminent or was occurring. When warnings were issued, the MENSC issued graphical warnings to weather offices of concern and a few selected radio stations. It was hoped that the graphical warning would be of more use in identifying the area effected by the thunderstorm.

Summer Severe Weather Events Log
Confirmed Severe Thunderstorm Events

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ON	06/14/94	1745	Y	N	13 km south of Nestor Falls.	Tornado/funnel cloud was not seen by Candy, but was reported to her and she in turn passed on the information to us. Damage path was 800 meters wide. Concrete power towers were damaged, 4 hydro poles in Nestor Falls were snapped. 20 mm in diameter hail occurred lasting about 10 minutes. Strong wind. 15 mm or rain.
ON	06/14/94	1915	Y	Y	16 km north of Ranier (just east of International Falls)	Funnel cloud was observed from the International Falls Weather Office shortly after the tornado report was received. Both Matt Davis and Dean Packingham are meteorologists at International Falls.
ON	06/14/94	9999	Y	N	Nestor Falls and Caliper Lake.	Damage to cabin roofs, dock and power towers at Crawford's Resort at Nestor Falls area. Tornado was spotted 4 km east of Caliper Lake which is 8 km south of Nestor Falls. Lots of trees are broken and twisted. Aircraft is damaged and trees are broken in a 800 meters by 16 km strip from Gohere Bay on Lake of the Woods to Pikestone Lake. The storm knocked down four of the 23 meters twin pole structures.
ON	06/14/94	9999	N	N	30 km northwest of Kenora.	The time of the event was probably close to the time of the special report from the Kenora airport, ie. 2010Z. (1510 PM CDT). The report reported moderate showers and golf ball size hail.
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ON	06/30/94	1620	N	N	12-15 km southeast of Kenora.	Observer actually did not see tornado. Very loud noise (like passing train) with thunderstorm and lots of damage to property. Guest cottage blown into the lake, 16 feet boat severely damaged, lots of trees down.
ON	06/30/94	1700	N	N	Kakagi Lake, Ont. (SSE of Kenora)	Possible tornado and a lot of damage in area. Downed trees and some building damage. A new cabin disappeared. Some hail was also reported.
ON	06/30/94	9999	N	N	Mather Island, On. (30 km south Kenora)	Report of a possible tornado. Caller wasn't home at the time of the event but the cabin was moved 3-4 meters and damaged the deck. Also many trees were destroyed in the vicinity.
ON	07/05/94	1650	Y	N	Fort Frances	Large marble size hail and very heavy rain.
ON	07/11/94	1800	N	N	5 km south of. Osnaburgh House (south of Pickle Lake)	Tornado was observed over the lake St. Joseph which later moved across a cemetery. The cemetery sustained significant damage. Some granite tombstones were blown over. Lots of large trees broken. Tornado was between 200 to 500 metres across. After discussion with OPP officer our conclusion that this tornado could have been between F2 to F3 intensity.

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ON	07/30/94	1530	Y	N	Kenora.	Heavy rain with near zero visibilities causing local flooding and 20 mm in diameter hail were reported.
ON	07/30/94	1640	Y	N	Morson (southeast side of the Lake of the Woods).	Golfball sized hail was reported.
ON	08/27/94	1050	Y	Y	Devlin, Ontario.	Reported dark layer of cloud. Marble sized hail, a few large marble (20 mm in diameter). Covered the ground. Wind southwest 20 to 40 km/h. 1.7 mm of rain.
ON	08/27/94	1050	Y	Y	International Falls, Minnesota.	Weather report of hail as large as 1 inch (25 mm) in diameter.

Total number of reports confirmed as being severe weather events = 15

Confirmed Tornado events by Province

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TABLE 3D

1994 TORNADOES RATED BY F-SCALE

PROVINCE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	STRENGTH
MAN	10/06/94	1620 CDT	1.5 km west of Neepawa	F0
MAN	10/07/94	1750 CDT	10 km south of Binscarth	F2*
MAN	10/07/94	1905 CDT	southeast of Birtle	F3
MAN	10/07/94	1935 CDT	Strathclair	F0
MAN	10/07/94	1940 CDT	southwest of Shoal Lake	F0
MAN	15/07/94	1510 CDT	10 km northwest of Dauphin	F0
MAN	12/08/94	2200 CDT	Gardenton area	F1
MAN	27/08/94	0300 CDT	southwest of Kilarney	F2
MAN	27/08/94	0800 CDT	Piney	F1*
NW ONT	14/06/94	1745 CDT	13 km South of Nestor Falls	F1
NW ONT	14/06/94	1915 CDT	16 km North of Rainer (east of International Falls.	F0
NW ONT	30/06/94	1604 CDT	Pikestone Point peninsula (Lake of the Woods)	F1
NW ONT	30/06/94	1700 CDT	Kakagi Lake	F1
NW ONT	11/07/94	1800 CDT	5 km south of Osnaburgh House (south of Pickle Lake)	F3
NW ONT	14/07/94	1445 CDT	16 km southwest of Devlin	F0

(* denotes likely intensity)



Blowdown Reported in 1995 NW
region report, attributed to late fall '94
event: Rainy River Forest Company

→ p. 17, 19 & 20 of NW Region Report

Blue: EC

Red: OMNR

