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FIERCE STORM IN ONTARIO WEST BUILDINGS UNROOFED AND WRECKED; TREES BLOWN OVER HAMILTON'S LOSS IS \$250,000

St. Thomas, Chatham and Sarnia and Surrounding Districts Swept by Wind and Hailstorm of Cyclonic Variety—Buildings and Trees Torn From the Ground by Force of Gale—Telegraph Wires Go Down.

Hamilton, June 8.—(Special)—The worst storm that ever struck Hamilton occurred shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Nothing like it ever visited this district before. It was a regular western cyclone, and the damage that it did cannot be estimated, but it will probably reach a quarter of a million dollars.

Top of brick houses right down as far as the gable were lifted up and blown away, a distance of 50 feet in some instances. Plate glass and other windows in many buildings were blown in.

There were panics at some of the schools, and at the city hall. The only redeeming feature of the storm was that no one was hurt. It lasted for only about 15 minutes, but in that short time 500 feet of the roof of the Deering Works was blown off. The damage is estimated at \$15,000. A portion of the roof of the vinegar works, on South James-street, was torn off. On Milton-avenue, near the Westinghouse Works, there are seven brick houses. The tops of the first, third and fifth were torn clean off and deposited in the back yard.

Walls of houses not completed were knocked over in all parts of the city, and brick chimneys were blown down by the score.

The Catacart Power Company was a hard hit. The street car system was held up for an hour, and the whole street lighting system was put out of business and was not in commission up till midnight.

Mrs. Askew, North Bay-street, was frightened out of her house by a falling chimney. In her absence a thief entered the house and stole \$50. Trees in all parts of the city were either torn up by the roots or torn to pieces. Some of the streets were so blocked with trees and branches that they were impossible. On one street in the eastern part of the city the chimneys were blown off eight houses.

The plate-glass windows in Stanley Mills & Co.'s store were smashed. Some of the windows at the city hall were blown in, and the clocks in the upper stories were stopped. Demonstrators in the city believed that the whole structure was coming down on their heads.

Some 4000 local telephone lines and 35 long-distance lines were wrecked. Electric lights in the majority of residences of the city could not be used to-night.

Several yachts on the bay were driven up onto the shore and smashed.

CYCLONE AT ST. THOMAS
MANY VILLAGES SUFFER

St. Thomas, June 8.—(Special)—A cyclone struck the city to-day, and St. Thomas has lost nearly all of the magnificent avenue of trees on Wellington-street. Telegraph and telephone lines were put out of business. The cyclone struck southeasterly across the western peninsula, the Villages of Rodway, West Lorne, Dutton, Shieden, Iona and Fingal being in the storm track. Every thing moveable went up in the air, trees were blown across the track in places. The M.C.R. shops were unroofed; the paint shop was struck by lightning and the roof blown off. Trinity Church was damaged.

Between Shieden and St. Thomas a man had his skull crushed on the road by a falling tree. He is in a critical state.

Rodney had a cyclone which blew the roofs off the Binder Hotel and Patterson House.

The walls of G. R. Whitton's store gave way and the chimneys fell.

Trees a foot thick were snapped off like pipe stems.

Three houses in Rodney are reported blown down.

As Aylmer Lemingway's \$4000 barn, built on the arch principle, was blown down and entirely destroyed.

FIFTEEN MINUTES TORNADO SWEEPS OVER CHATHAM

Chatham, June 8.—(Special)—The storm to-day, in Chatham, was terrific, destroying a number of houses and blowing down the steeple of the Park Street Methodist Church. Wires were all down east of Windsor.

The tornado lasted 15 minutes, starting about 1:25, and at the end of that time the maple trees, the growth of years, were decimated in all parts of the city.

The storm came up the valley of the river, doing little damage along the banks, and extending its fury on the city. Rain, hail and wind were mingled in such fierceness it was impossible to see across the street.

Dowsley Axe Works had the roof riddled with holes and gaps.

The trees in Tecumseh Park, Victoria Park and other streets, were torn to pieces.

One of the peaks was knocked off the Central School, bricks penetrating the roof; skylights were blown off the collegiate and window-smashing was general.

The smokestacks of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, Chaplin Wheel Works, Draper's saw mill, Chat-ham Motor Car Company were leveled. Barnes' livery stable was destroyed.

The weigh scales near the Tecumseh House were ripped up, and the steel flagpole on Harrison Hall was bent over.

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IN THE PATH OF THE STORM

A storm of wind, rain and lightning swept over Western Ontario yesterday between Hamilton and the border line, and did enormous damage. In Toronto, altho the electrical display in the afternoon, and again at night, was vivid, and the downpour heavy, no great damage is reported, except to the telephone and telegraph services, which were badly deranged, altho the out-of-town disturbances were the more to blame.

The observatory reported that in Ontario and Quebec thunderstorms during the day were both numerous and of marked severity. An important depression which has been hovering over the Northwestern States for the past few days is gradually breaking up.

Damage is reported as follows:

Hamilton—Damage estimated at \$250,000; roofs of brick houses blown 50 feet; 50 feet of roof of Deering Works blown off; trees and windows irretrievably broken.

St. Thomas—Magnificent avenue of trees on Wellington-street nearly all ruined; M.C.R. Shops unroofed; Trinity Church damaged; stone struck by lightning; man's skull fractured by falling tree.

Rodney—Binder Hotel and Patterson House unroofed; walls of store collapse; trees foot thick broken.

Aylmer—Magnificent \$7000 barn blown down.

Chatham—Storm terrific; Park-street Methodist Church steeple blown down; tress suffer greatly; Dowsey Axe Works' roof riddled by hail; livery stable destroyed; telephone and telegraph poles and wires blown over; many buildings unroofed.

Sarnia—1700 square feet of roof at lumber mill ripped off; trees uprooted and blown against house; new house blown over; lightning sets fire to one shop.

Niagara Falls—Two wings of General Hospital, under construction, crushed in; ten workmen narrowly escape.

and the roof of the opera house suffered severely.

Fortunately, no lives were lost.

The damage, it is now estimated, will run to many thousands of dollars.

IMMENSE DAMAGE AT SARNIA BIG LUMBER MILL UNROOFED

Sarnia, June 8.—(Special)—Sarnia received the full brunt of the storm and, while happily no loss of life occurred, suffered great material damage.

W. F. Lawrence & Sons' new lumber mill, 4000 square feet of roofing blown off and destroyed with the shafting and belts.

Two trees at Christina and Johnston-streets were destroyed, one being lifted up by the roots and hurling a window in Watson's Garage, hinging windows, cornices and roof.

A new house on Davis-street was lifted off its foundations and toppled over.

Richard Lynch's house, on Wellington-street east, was badly smashed.

Mr. Lynch, who was working at the house, cut by flying glass, Dr. James closed the severe wound with ten stitches.

John Ross' barn was demolished, and chimneys on Russell and Queen-streets were blown down.

Lightning along the wires set fire to Lucas' bake shop, but the flames were extinguished by the brigade.

A number of fishermen on Lake Huron had a fierce tussle with the gale, and reached shore with great difficulty.

Maxwell Church, on the sixth line of Plympton, was struck by lightning, which tore a hole in the roof. Wm. Battle's saloon, the same line, was blown down, and his barn injured.

Alex. McLean was in a frame house from Sarnia to the cemetery by the London road. The storm lifted it into the ditch near the Perche bridge.

The S.S. City of Toledo was caught in the storm near Courtright and tied up at St. Clair, where she was several times wrenched from her fastenings.

The electric services were utterly demoralized.

TEN WORKMEN IN DANGER NEW HOSPITAL BLOWN IN

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CONTRACT FOR STEEL RAILS WILL GO TO CANADIANS

Ottawa, June 8.—The transcontinental railway commission has received four tenders for supplying 65,000 tons of steel rails for that part of the railway which is now under construction.

The Sydney, N.S., Company and the Soo people have tendered. There is a tender from the old country, and another from the United States.

The likelihood is that the contract will be divided between the two Canadian tenders.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

JUNE 9.—Fires shooting at Long Branch; train leaves Union Station at 2 p.m.

Argonaut Rowing Club regatta, 3 Lake, Tecumseh v. Shamrocks, Island, 8:30.

Band concert—G. G. B. G., Island Park, 3:30.

Field relay race, King and Yonge streets, about 7 p.m.

Shen's Theatre—Toronto Press Club performance of "Liberty Hall," 8:30.

Art's Green Company—"Twelfth Night," 8 p.m.—"Much Ado About Nothing," 8, University, 8:30.

After the storm, that lasted 30 minutes, it became quite calm again.

This evening about 10 o'clock it struck town again. The wind blew a small tornado, accompanied with rain and sharp lightning, lasting about 45 minutes.

It is expected no damage was done other than interrupting telegraph and telephone wires.

BARN BURNED AT BEAMSBY OTHER PLACES ALSO DAMAGED

Beamsville, June 8.—The severest thunder storm of the season passed over Beamsville about 4 o'clock this afternoon, doing considerable damage to telegraph and telephone lines beside setting fire to barns and completely destroying H. Coughlin's valuable barn containing all its contents.

Only a team of horses was saved, while several thousand feet of lumber, several hundred bushels of wheat, stores of hay, all his farming implements, including reapers and mowers, wagons and much poultry were destroyed. The total loss will be in the neighborhood of \$5000, insured for \$1000.

Three buildings, including the stores of A. J. McArthur and A. M. Centener, were struck during the storm, but with slight damage.

The weigh scales near the Tecumseh House were ripped up, and the steel flagpole on Harrison Hall was bent over.

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