Pelham

Girl Scout Camp Suffers Heaviest Damage by Falling Trees — Bedard’s Orchard Destroyed.

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The hurricane that struck New England yesterday wrought serious devastation throughout this town. Timber lots, groves and shade trees were destroyed and dwellings, summer cottages, barns, sheds and poultry plants very severely damaged.

A section of the roof of Congregational church was raised and a sizable portion, breaking loose, crushed against the postoffice.

Peabody’s and Garley’s barns suffered severe damage and the older barns at Peabody’s crashed, pinning a pair of valuable cows in the cellar and burying all the stored farming tools in the debris.

Hen houses and chicken coops all over town suffered material damage and in some instances were blown away. At W. D. Smith’s, a large poultry house was carried partly into the highway and T of a large flock of hens killed. At R. J. Bergeron’s, several of such houses were demolished with a large loss to his flock also.

Many other plants suffered similar losses.

Orchard Destroyed.

Arthur Bedard’s large orchard was entirely uprooted and fruit trees in many other orchards were torn twisted and broken down. Arthur H. Peabody suffered a loss of 50 young fruit trees in a prize orchard.

The Centre suffered extensively from a loss of shade trees, without distinction to variety, elms, maples, oaks, pines and poplars, breaking or uprooting in the gale.

Highways were blocked in every section of the town for reason of fallen trees and groups of local men worked all night long to open the main highways and are still at work today clearing. Chimneys toppled and were swept off by the gale damaging the roofs in falling.

Dwellings were damaged by falling trees and cottages and camps at the ponds were also damaged in like manner.

Mr. Butterfield’s cottage at Gunapas pond was buried beneath an avalanche of about a dozen large pines which fell upon it.

Whole groves of pines were swept down like ten pins. Muldoons, Carletons, the Gage property, Cutters and Richardsons are some that can be mentioned and there were others.

Pines near Miss Wonall’s cottage and also at Mansfield’s at Island pond were severely stripped.
Camp Runels Hard Hit.

Camp Runels was one of the hardest hit spots in town. Being located on the northwest shore, it got the full force of the hurricane which whipped the beautiful white pine grove to demolation leaving out solitary pines in the several acres of beautiful pine growth.

The first cabin was demolished and the front and back porch and kitchen connected with the dining hall were seriously damaged.

The crew house also directly in line with the falling pines suffered with the other buildings mentioned.

Mrs. Gordon R. Williams and other officials of the Greater Lowell Council were at the camps yesterday afternoon leaving about 3 o'clock.

Three tall pines had fallen then but were those which had been partly undermined by the wash on the shore of the pond.

Today this national and picturesque beauty spot is reduced to comparative demolation as far as background is concerned.