

Monday 29th November 1897

The Great Hurricane

(when the Surf Boat was lost)

Warnings of cyclonic disturbance from the West
- bad weather in the Channel -
and a gale on Friday and Saturday on the West Coast
- Gale increased considerably in violence
on Sunday evening
- a hurricane from the N.N.W. -
-Culminated on Monday a.m. with very little ebb tide -

By about 3.30, the time of High Water,
it poured over the sea wall
into the grassy hollows at Minnis Bay,
completely wrecking the Sea Front
and everything else that came in its way.

The Exhibition Building in the Dip,
built in 1885 by Arthur Rayden,
was almost demolished.

"It was all over and done with in about 20 minutes"



View of the devastation caused to the Exhibition Building at the Dip in Minnis Bay.

Photo taken in 1897 by one of the Haig family.