

SCOTTISH FORESTRY DISASTER

Haddo House, home of Lord Aberdeen, has evidence ~~of~~ of the gale calamity on its own doorstep. Beech trees planted 150 years ago had been uprooted in the grounds. With Major Gordon, Heir to the Estates, the ^{veteran} Marquis surveyed the damage, part of the tremendous disaster that afflicted Scotland north of the Caledonian Canal.

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The hurricane winds that caused the great floods devastated the Scottish forests, incidentally creating new views of Balmoral Castle, formerly hidden by the trees.

One-and-a-quarter-million tons of timber, 35-million-cubic-feet, were blown down in a matter of hours. The wood itself will not be wasted; portable sawmills have been brought in to deal with it, but the damage to future timber supplies is great.

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(next) The timber blown down nearly equalled the amount normally felled in two years.