

'Dense' blizzard blasts Newfoundland

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ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland -- Eastern Newfoundland was hit Thursday by a blizzard so intense meteorologists said radar couldn't penetrate it, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., reported. Environment Canada spokesman Devon Telford in Gander told the CBC there wasn't much color in satellite imagery of the storm. "It's so dense there that the radar beam can't cut through all of it, so it's showing up as black," Telford said. In St. John's, the transit service was shut down, as was Memorial University, all courts and federal government offices, the report said. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Cpl. Randy Pack said driving was all but impossible. "I don't think the plows are going to do much with it today," he said. "The wind is so strong, you can hardly see my tracks after I double back over the road." In the southern Burin Peninsula, 2 inches of snow had accumulated by morning, accompanied by winds gusting to more than 50 mph, the report said.

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