

Relief stores were opened to supply the people with food and fuel, which was sadly needed; clothing was collected and sent from all parts of Canada.

The following day to make matters worse and increasing the misery and suffering of the people, the City was visited by a blinding blizzard, making the work of rescue extremely difficult, and many persons who might by chance have been alive amidst the ruins died from exposure.

It seemed as if the elements delighted in the havoc already wrought. The houses in which the people were housed were coated with ice, water pipes were frozen, clothing and food scarce.

For several days after the disaster, Halifax seemed in a torpid state, streets were in darkness, car service stopped, telephone and telegraph system interrupted, storm raging.

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## CHAPTER SEVEN

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On visiting the Chebucto School Morgue were seen piles of corpses. On one side the women and children and on the other the men. The sights were hideous to behold,—here we see a poor woman with her child, the head of the mother is gone, the child is mutilated beyond recognition. They are all covered with a sheet and numbered. The roof of the morgue was damaged, windows blown out, rain and snow beating in, about two inches of water covered the floors, and the bodies were lying in pools of water. At night a few dim lights were burning, the