

Patron Family of  
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THE FEARFUL FLOODS.

Latest From the Inundated District—  
Tragedy and Comedy Strangely  
Blended.

Westminster City in Total Darkness—  
Dykes and Bridges De-  
stroyed.

Railway and Telegraphic Commu-  
nication Still Cut Off—Scenes and  
Incidents.

VANCOUVER, June 4. — (Special) — The  
mighty Fraser river flows on, dealing death  
and destruction in its course, ever rising  
higher and higher, and the mountain streams,  
changed to mighty torrents, join the devas-  
tating floods in their juggernaut journey to  
the sea. The Fraser valley is a broad waste  
of waters, and not a dyke remains, and still  
the sad destruction to railroad property con-  
tinues. A railroad official told our corre-  
spondent to-day that "the worst is yet to  
come; it will be on us by the middle of this  
week." What was meant by the "worst"  
can only be surmised.

The east-bound train left at 6 o'clock this  
morning, but could not proceed within  
miles of Wharfedale, and your correspondent  
was unable to get through, the only means  
of transit now being the Westminster boat.  
Wharfedale station is flooded and Wharfedale  
bridge is gone.  
From the train one can see nothing but  
a wide waste of swirling waters, dotted  
with debris of every conceivable description.  
Many strange odds and ends of tragedy and  
comedy are depicted in the weird panorama  
stretching before the observer for fifty miles.  
A little girl was struggling in the water in a  
big boat, and holding a pet lamb that per-  
sisted foolishly in attempting to get away  
and plunge into the water. It seemed  
miraculous that the child could save herself  
and rescue her pet in that awful hour; all  
she thought of apparently was the safety of  
her "little lamb."

Many stories of dead bodies being  
found are told, but lack confirmation. A  
great number of fresh disasters have been  
chronicled.

The wagon road suspension bridge at  
Spuzzum has been washed away. The Pitt  
Meadows dykes have succumbed and 50,000  
acres of some of the finest land in the  
Province is under water. One of the Lulu  
Island dykes has gone down, and it is feared  
the other will go. The Meadow bridge has  
succumbed and also the fine wooden bridge  
at North Arm.

Word comes from further east that the  
Bow river has flooded the railway track near  
Banff and inundated several hundred acres  
of land. Mission bridge is still standing,  
but a force of men is kept working day and  
night diverting the huge trees from the  
channel so that the supports will not be  
weakened.

The whole situation is very alarming, and  
the worst has not yet been heard. The  
faces of the railroad officials show the ter-  
rible strain of sleepless nights and constant  
working, but everybody is fond in praise of  
their cordial conduct to the general  
public and generous treatment of dis-  
tressed passengers. Great distress at the  
hotel Vancouver to-day presented an ad-  
dress to the C.P.R. authorities, thanking  
them for their attention and kindness.

Van Horne's Contribution.

President Van Horne has sent the fol-  
lowing dispatch to Division Superintendent  
Abbott:

"Contribute \$1,000 towards the relief  
of sufferers along Fraser river, and let me  
know what outside aid is likely to be re-  
quired."

All the wires are down to-night. Chill-  
iwack's people sailed to church in canoes yes-  
terday, anchored them to their pews, and  
prayed God to deliver them from further  
distress from the flood and to "give them  
that day their daily bread." The reports  
from every direction are: "The water is  
still rising."

Midnight—The water is falling. At Kato  
landing there was four inches drop to night,  
and one inch at Mission. If it does not  
rise to-morrow the worst will be over. To-  
morrow's train is cancelled owing to trouble  
on the line between Ruby Creek and Yale.

At Westminster.

WESTMINSTER, June 4. (10.15 p. m.)  
special)—The water here now reached the  
electric light power house, and the city is  
in total darkness.

WESTMINSTER, June 4. — (Special) — The  
flood still continues to grow in volume, and  
at fall tide this morning the river was  
higher opposite Westminster than in the  
vicinity of the earliest white settler. The  
river registers the feet 23 inches above low  
water mark, being 14 inches above the high  
point of 1882, with a velocity of six miles an  
hour. Every wharf along the river front  
was flooded, some of them to a depth of ten  
inches. The streets in the west end, the  
tramway line and the Royal City mills  
wharves were all submerged, and the trans-  
port company was obliged to abandon the  
short line.

At Sapperton the river is flowing through  
the Brunette sawmill, the floor being cov-  
ered to a depth of 14 inches. All yesterday  
men were at work loading down the com-  
pany's wharf to keep it from rising.

On Saturday night the steamer Gladys  
by rowboat from Chilliwack, fifty-five miles  
distant, to get steamboat assistance for the  
removal of cattle in danger of drowning by  
the overflow. The steamer Gladys left at  
daybreak yesterday morning to render neces-  
sary help. Tents were also taken up for the  
shelter of those who were driven from their  
homes to the high land. The steamer Elio,  
with a crew in tow, also left yesterday  
morning to remove cattle from Bulwer's  
landing to higher land.

There was no change in the situation re-  
ported to-day from the river country. The  
river continues to rise, and is encroach-  
ing gradually on lands heretofore untouched.  
At Langley this morning it was ten inches  
above the 1882 mark, and had entered the  
Hudson's Bay Company's store, from which  
the goods were removed.

At high water yesterday morning the  
flood found its way inside Lulu Island dyke,  
first through a break near Scott's mill and  
afterwards at extreme high tide over the  
dyke itself. The central portion of the  
island is under water.

From 5 o'clock Sunday morning until  
midnight the whole population of Delta  
worked.

To Save the Dyke From Destruction!  
All the low places were built up and the  
weak spots strengthened, and by these  
prompt measures thousands of acres were  
saved from inundation. Church services  
were dispensed with and the clergymen and  
their flocks worked side by side on the  
dykes to save their homes and property.

The dyke surrounding Westham Island  
broke at 2 o'clock this morning on Ewen's

ranch, inflicting great damage. Two hun-  
dred feet of dyke was washed out, and in  
less than half an hour after the break oc-  
curred, two acres of the ranch had been  
swept away, leaving navigable waters where  
a grain crop had stood a few minutes be-  
fore. The entire settlement turned out  
this morning to repair the damages, and  
have hopes of mending the break before the  
next high tide. Ewen's whole ranch is  
flooded.

The Dominion Government wharf on  
Westham Island, opposite Seveston, col-  
lapsed Saturday, the rush of waters toward  
the gulf scouring out the filling from  
around the piles. On the wharf were a  
boiler, engine and derrick, and 600 tons of  
rock, which was to be used to anchor the  
mattress being laid down to improve the  
channel.

Dyke No. 2 of the B. C. Dyking Co., on  
Pitt Meadows, let in the water on Saturday  
night, and dyke No. 1 did the same yes-  
terday morning at daybreak. At 10 o'clock  
the dyke surrounding 500 acres of land be-  
longing to John Wilson followed suit. None  
of the dykes broke, the water simply rose  
and went over the top, the flow of course  
cutting away some of the embankments  
forwards. Twenty thousand acres are  
flooded.

J. S. Clute, inspector of customs, got home  
yesterday from Kootenay. The whole of  
the bottom lands in Kootenay are covered.  
Mr. Clute says: Along the Kootenay river  
the country is a vast lake, while south of  
the boundary every ranch is inundated. On  
Saturday, May 28, the water was within a  
foot of covering the highest bottom lands in  
regard to the river a steamboat could  
sail right across the country from the head  
of Kootenay lake to ten miles south of the  
boundary, a distance of sixty miles. The  
railway and freight sheds at Nelson are  
shut off, and can only be reached by boat.  
The expected traffic on the railroad  
would have to be suspended.

Ranch buildings from Revelstoke to Nak-  
up are under water, and the Columbia  
river is higher than ever before. The traffic  
bridge over the Thompson river at Ashcroft  
was swept away Saturday night; this  
structure cost, when built, \$17,000.

Along the Upper Fraser.

CHILLIWACK, June 3. — (Special) — The  
continuous rise in the river has now estab-  
lished a new high water mark here, and the  
fact that several inches have been added  
to the flood, for many miles west in  
depth is still in view upon the mountain  
sides, exposed to the fierce rays of the sun  
which for the past week has shone its  
brightest upon a scene of desolation un-  
paralleled in the fair valley of the Fraser.  
However it may rage in the confined chan-  
nel, further north, the grand old river has  
been in placid mood here, and has almost  
noiselessly spread itself over the many  
miles of country on either bank lying be-  
low its new level. It is swiftly flowing, of  
course, hurrying at from five to eight miles  
an hour to find the level of the sea, which  
unfortunately is expected to be at its high-  
est with the spring tides of the next few  
days, making greater work for the river in  
evitable. This, however, will do little  
further damage. The lands along the  
bank are distinctly high or distinctly low,  
and while the low lands are now all covered  
and high are in safety above the possible  
height of the water. The condition of affairs  
at Langley, and at Mission, has been de-  
scribed in former dispatches, and from the  
latest place the Columbia special correspond-  
ent proceeded by the steamer Gladys on the  
way up the river.

From the Mission up, the flood is contin-  
ous on both sides of the river, but it was  
when Niocomen slough and lake were  
reached that the most impressive sight yet  
seen was witnessed. The narrow slough is  
now transformed into a wide river whose  
line is marked only by the houses and trees  
standing on either bank, for the water main-  
tains level as far as the eye can reach in  
all directions. To attempt to name the  
principal sufferers would be useless, for each  
rancher has lost all that inundation can de-  
stroy, and the extent of the loss is limited  
only by the amount of property the indus-  
try of each individual has accumulated for  
him. Niocomen island is about twelve miles  
long and from one to two miles wide. It  
was isolated from the mainland by a narrow  
traveler passing along the river at its ordi-  
nary level would appear to be a place of per-  
fect security, the banks averaging perhaps  
ten feet above the stream.

Now All is Submerged.

On Saturday the Gladys took off the last  
remaining live stock, these being the  
ranch of the Worth brothers, who, having  
the highest land on the island, fancied their  
position perfectly secure, and therefore did  
not choose to remove when their neighbors  
did so a week earlier. It was neither neces-  
sary nor desirable to drive the stock down  
to the site of the steamboat landing, which  
has for a week been cut off, for a vessel  
could make it quite convenient to call  
at the barn, a mile and a half across the  
island, and the Gladys proceeded to do so, taking  
Mr. Worth on board as pilot in the absence  
of a chart for the course. The steamer  
passed between Mr. Paton's store and his  
barn, a short across a small lake over a  
garden patch, through a narrow avenue of  
high trees whose lower branches swept the  
decks on either side, and thus into a great  
body of water perhaps a mile in diameter,  
fringed with trees and with the forsaken  
dwellings of the ranchers whose fields of  
growing crops lay beneath. To take sound-  
ings appeared to be an unnecessary prece-  
dence, but the captain thought it well to  
do so, this being, as he remarked,  
"the first time he had been over the route."  
Eight feet, "ten feet," "twelve feet,"  
and "not bottom at fourteen feet," were the  
encouraging reports of the man with the pole.  
Finally the steamer was tied up to two  
trees adjoining the barn where the luckless  
animals had been stowed away on a plat-  
form as lofty as the height of the ceiling  
would permit, and they were led out, partly  
swimming and partly wading, for over the  
sound upon which the shed stood the water  
was only between three and four feet deep.

This relief trip of the Gladys was a  
sample of the work undertaken by that  
steamer, the Transfer, and others which  
have been plying on the river continuously  
since the flood commenced.

History Repeated Itself.

For when these ark-like refuge first appeared,  
and the ranchers were invited to put their  
flocks and their herds aboard, and to come  
themselves with their families, many re-  
sisted because they would not believe that  
so great a flood could come thus sud-  
denly upon them. Most of the live stock  
from Niocomen island has been landed upon  
Sumas mountain, directly across the river,  
and about twelve hundred feet high, so that, while climbing its steep  
sides is a matter of no little difficulty, and  
the pasturage to be reached with this great  
effort is not of the most nutritious nature,  
there is at least no apprehension caused by  
the probability of a further rise. Around  
the base of the mountain the ranchers have  
established camps, where they have pitched  
tents or improvised other means of tempo-  
rary shelter.

Shortly above the head of Niocomen island  
the town of Chilliwack, on the right bank,

ing bank, is reached. There the steamboat  
landing is altogether submerged, but the  
tops of the mooring posts are still out of the  
water, so that vessels continue to tie up  
there. Passengers are

Landed in Small Boats.

manned by Indians, who are deriving con-  
siderable profit by their enterprise and are  
not at all modest in the value they put upon  
their indispensable services. This new ferry  
line plays about six hundred yards up the  
road to Centreville, as the town of Chill-  
iwack is locally called, and the passengers  
are landed not far from the Harrison hotel,  
whence they may pass dryshod through the  
business part of the town. Some of the  
lower crossings there are flooded, but  
the ranchers have been thrown across  
them. The water is running through the  
streets at either side of the well-paved  
avenue, and covers most of the back yards  
and low fields. It is said to have reached  
higher points than those touched by the  
flood of 1882. Around Chilliwack, upon the  
right bank, and across the Sumas prairie,  
above Chilliwack, and under the Fraser  
river up to Ruby Creek, the loss is general,  
only the few ranchers occupying the high  
lands having escaped. A list of the settlers  
would practically be

The Roll of the Sufferers.

The loss of their crops will not nearly ap-  
proach the limit of the disaster to the  
ranchers. Though they have saved the  
greater part of their stock, comparatively  
few had a store of foodstuffs, and as the  
pasturage on the foothills to which they  
have been removed is quite insufficient, it is  
a necessity that feed for the cattle should be  
promptly forthcoming. In the meantime  
the stock are falling off in condition, and  
the drying returns for the next few months  
will be greatly diminished in consequence.  
Then there will be, following the subsidence  
of the flood, a swarm of mosquitoes, which  
will so harass the cattle that their condition  
will be very seriously affected. In the next  
place, when the water subsides there will  
yet be time to put in certain root and other  
crops which will come to sufficient per-  
fection to form at least fodder for stock, but  
the ranchers have already laid out so  
much money for seed and for labor, in  
sowing the crops now under water, that  
their financial resources are for the time  
being very limited. Assistance in the way  
of seed would therefore be very timely.  
Another source of anxiety with them is the  
mortgage indebtedness upon many of their  
farms, especially in the dyked sections,  
where most of the money was new borrow-  
ings, and have incurred liabilities with begin-  
ners with the dyking and with equipping the  
lands thus saved, which have made strict  
economy necessary in order to effect the  
annual decrease in their liabilities which has  
been going on. Some of them appear to  
have had no other resources than their credit,  
who, hitherto, have had no cause for un-  
easiness, may take alarm at the news of the  
flood and press for settlement, with the re-  
sult that they may have to part with their  
farms. The welcome news that the Pro-  
vincial government has taken prompt  
measures for the relief of the ranchers, in  
the removal of their stock, has allayed much  
of their anxiety as to the future.

The Wreck Described.

The steamer Premier on Sunday evening  
brought over 150 passengers from the  
Mainland, about two-thirds of whom were  
travelers bound to points on the Sumas  
San Francisco or intermediate points, who  
had been delayed at the break on the Cana-  
dian Pacific railway. These had been left  
at Ruby Creek by the party who arrived the  
previous evening, the first steamer could not  
bring down the river with the water so high  
for transportation. They came down the  
Rithet and expected to be landed at Whar-  
fedale, as the passengers by the Transfer had  
on the previous day, but on the arrival of  
the steamer at that point it was found that  
the further side of the river had made a dry  
land level as far as the eye can reach in  
all directions. The submergence of the  
business—the submergence of the town—had  
prevented the special train which should  
have met the steamer from reaching Whar-  
fedale with its load of east-bound passengers  
who intended to take to the river route  
there. Both train and steamer had there-  
fore to make for Westminster, whence the  
travelers proceeded overland to Vancouver,  
where the Premier was to be waiting.  
Though her advertised time of depar-  
ture for Victoria is now 12 o'clock, it was  
3:30 p. m. before the passengers and the  
great quantity of mails and baggage were  
on board, and a start was made for Vic-  
toria.

Here the City of Kingston had been  
held for a couple of days, the accommo-  
dation of the many who wished to proceed  
by her on their journey to the Sound. The  
passengers who stayed in Victoria have the  
same praise as those who preceded them  
here, for the manner in which the C. P. R.  
people looked after them during their de-  
lay, and the manner in which they received  
and received to the extent of the damage to  
the road.

"The first obstruction we met with,"  
said one of these passengers, "was in the  
Kicking Horse pass, where a transfer caused  
by a break of a few hundred yards had to be  
made. Proceeding, we next came to a full  
stop at the bridge across the Columbia  
baking machine. Mr. Elliott thereupon  
bored holes through the floor above, and  
passing a stout rope under either end of the  
incubator hoisted it up to the ceiling, where  
it is still two or three feet out of the reach  
of the water. Several duck eggs have been  
hatched out since the flood commenced. The  
upper verandah of his house which is sur-  
rounded by a couple of feet of water, constitutes  
Mr. Elliott's post-office to the present,  
and here several broods are departing them-  
selves.

At Riverside, opposite Mission, Wm.  
Elliott had an incubator in full blast in his  
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