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## DEATH IN WAKE OF CALIFORNIA STORM

Two Men Drowned in Floods

Torrential Downpour Caused Enormous Damage

Six Counties Affected and Many Orchards Are Uprooted—Railways Hit Hard and Several Sections Are Out of Commission—Rain-fall Six to Eight Inches in Two Days

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 19.—Two lives were claimed and damage estimated at \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 was wrought by the storm which sent a record rain to six Southern California counties in the last few days. At several points near Los Angeles a precipitation of from six to eight inches was recorded between midnight Tuesday and 8 o'clock this morning.

The three trunk lines entering Los Angeles, the Southern Pacific, the Santa Fe, and the Salt Lake Railroad, were compelled to route all trains over a Santa Fe branch line. Santa Barbara and towns in the foothill region were still cut off, although communication was expected to be regained late tonight.

At Covina, in the fruit growing section, the storm wrought damage estimated at \$100,000. Orange orchards there were washed out. The body of Harold Selts, a rancher drowned was recovered from the San Joaquin River at Santa Barbara, was believed to have been swept out to sea.

Many residences were destroyed in this city and in the low-lying section in Orange county, hundreds of acres being inundated. The houses of thirty Mexican families in that district were swept away.

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GUTHRIE WON YORK ELECTION

Machine Candidate Beat Independent Conservative Nearly 700 Votes

LIGHT VOTE POLLED

Scott's Supporters Allege That Lavish Use of Money and Influence of Two Governments Were Used Against Him—Split in Party May Assume Larger Proportions.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Frederickton, N. B., Feb. 19.—The row among Conservatives of York county advanced another step today when Percy A. Guthrie, nominee of the party machine, was elected over James M. Scott, who was nominated by a wing of the party opposed to H. F. McLeod, M. P., and his followers. Guthrie's majority, with one small poll to hear from, is 640.

A light vote was cast in practically all parts of the county. In Frederickton, where conditions were more favorable toward getting voters to the polls, about two-thirds of the vote was polled. Lack of organization, particularly in Frederickton, is one important reason for the defeat of Scott.

Allegations generally throughout the county started away from the polls, regarding the contest as one between two factions of the Conservative party.

Scott's supporters say that money was used at the polls in large amounts to elect Guthrie. The influence of both provincial and Dominion governments was against the independent candidate and the officials of both governments worked against him on the stump and otherwise. The breach between the two sections of the party in this county is said to be the widest since the election of 1908.

H. F. McLeod, M. P., who made this by-election his own personal contest, stood at the polls at Canterbury Station, where Mr. Scott also stood. McLeod's election was beaten at that poll.

Dr. O. E. Morhouse, M. P., and James K. Finner, M. P., supported Scott, and John A. Young, M. P., supported Guthrie. All three gave their names for their respective candidates at their own polls. Lively times in the afternoon led to the election of Guthrie, the result which will begin on Thursday next as a result of today's by-election.

Results by Polls.

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Brookway.	7	4
Harvey.	96	102
Blaney Ridge.	15	10
Prince William Point.	55	85
Dumfries.	58	99
McAdam.	49	147
Bedford.	44	92
Canterbury Station.	137	144
North Lake.	14	50
Nashville Village.	16	50
Edmonds.	18	50
Gibson.	18	189
Marysville.	121	175
Pemula.	20	50
Nashville.	33	111
Bartle Corner.	22	50
Mouth of New Brunswick.	32	50
McNair's Mills.	25	50
Lower Hainesville.	31	50
Edmonds.	26	50
Kewick Ridge.	32	50
Queensbury Park.	33	42
Upper Queensbury.	17	42
St. John's.	37	55
Southampton Cove.	37	55
Temperance Vale.	92	46
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St. John's.	36	55
Stanley Village.	56	59
Cross Creek.	59	106

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Finding Regarding Transcona Shops at Variance With the Facts

Minister of Justice and Other Government Lawyers Had Decided That There Was Legal Authority for Contracting Them—Borden Ministry Has Awarded Enormous Contracts to One Concern—Similar Action of Liberals Condemned by the Gutelius Commission.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—All the facts brought out since the report of the National Transcontinental scandal hunting commission, which was tabled on Tuesday, have tended to show with increasing emphasis the inconsistency and the misrepresentation made for political purposes by Messrs. Gutelius and Lynch-Staunton.

Returns tabled in the house yesterday show that the economies which the government had ostensibly wished to effect in the construction of the road as an excuse for the charge that millions were being wasted, included very serious changes in the standard of construction against which repeated protests had been made by the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Returns tabled today give further evidence of the efforts of the commission and government to break the agreement made by the Grand Trunk Pacific and to deliberately misrepresent the facts of the case. One of the returns tabled today conclusively answers one charge made by the commission that \$4,000,000 of the alleged \$30,000,000 waste had been in connection with the construction of the Transcona shops at the western terminus of the National Transcontinental.

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