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FIFTEENTH YEAR

10,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS.

Lost by Floods in British Columbia.

AN ISLAND AND TWO VILLAGES GONE

Rescue Steamers Moor to Chimneys and Flagpoles.

NUMBER OF FATALITIES REPORTED

The Flood has Lashed Six Days, the Water is Still Rising and Will Not Recede Until Sunday—Thousands of Sheep, Horses and Cattle Drowned, Houses and Buildings Carried Away—Miles of Washouts on the C.P.R.—No Trains or Telegrams for Eight Days—Rescue Steamers Sent by the Government to Rescue the Bachelors and Widowers.

Vancouver, B.C., May 31 (via San Francisco, Cal., June 1)—Devastation and ruin are the only words to express the awful calamity in the Fraser River Valley country. "Still rising" is the momentous exclamation heard on every hand, for the turbulent swollen torrents of the Fraser River have for six weary days and nights been slowly sweeping away the results of years of arduous toil and hardship. One hundred miles of country have been devastated and the end is not yet. Small mountain streams have changed, as if by magic, to roaring torrents, bringing down upon their bosoms thousands of tons of snow to add to the destroying elements already included in the juggernaut-like journey of the debris. The appearance of the entire Fraser Valley is changed. Where the prosperous rancher attended his flocks and herds, and where rich fields of grain yielded to the plow, there beyond the dikes, the same waters are now raging furiously in rushing torrents, presenting an appalling panorama of ruin. Hundreds of trees are split up with a mere jostle of other debris, such as henrocks, out-houses, bridges and fences, and as one floating mass glides by another slips into sight. Blasted bodies of thousands of sheep and swine twirl in the mad current, followed by upturned boats or gigantic masses of chickens roosting in its branches, kaleidoscopic views of hundreds of homes, bridges and destroyed farms.

No Trains or Telegrams for Eight Days. The Fraser River has now reached the highest point touched in 1882, the year of a great flood, and it is still rising. Miles and miles of the C.P.R. have been washed away between Ruby Creek and Mission, and no trains or telegrams have reached British Columbia by this route for eight days, and there is little prospect for mails or communication by telegraph for another ten days. From the mouth of the washout is a third of a mile in length, and it is expected to last for some time. All the bridges in the flooded districts have collapsed and a large number are expected to go every hour. At Mackinac Island the waves are six feet high and are washing over the track for 500 yards. Besides these five or six smaller washouts are reported.

Numbers Reported Drowned. The Canadian Pacific has 1000 men at work night and day, and the Government has steamers plying the river incessantly, rescuing the ranchers and their cattle. In the early part of the week being taken a number of people are reported drowned. Among them are R. McLaughlin, C.P.R. official, and a child of Peter Brown at Langley. Numerous Indians have lost their lives. Discontented farmers and half-breed ranchers are constantly arriving by steamer, but particular care is bestowed from them. In answer to all questions they say: "I am ruined. It's awful; I have no money."

An Island Washed Away. WESTMINSTER, B.C., June 1.—The water is coming faster than ever. Every warehouse along the water-front has been stripped of its contents. The water is now ripping the wharves up to the doors of the counting houses of Frontenac, and the water is now rising over the roofs of houses. Fifty families are ruined.

Used the Top of a Warehouse for a Wharf. LEUK-A-LOCK, June 1.—River suddenly changed its course into its ancient channel, and is raging through our streets. Provisions are low. The steamer that arrived today made its anchor at the top of the Hudson Bay Company's building.

Moorred to a Flagpole. LANGLEY, June 1.—The steamer is moored to the flagpole of the warehouse. The people are packed like sardines in the houses in the high part of the city. Numbers of wealthy ranchers are destitute, having saved nothing. The postoffice has been turned into a hotel, the other houses being uninhabitable.

Further Disasters Feared. And so the reports continue to come in. The Government is making heroic efforts to save life and property, engaging all the Canadian Pacific navigation boats in the rescuing service. The authorities say the water will not begin to recede till the full tide on Sunday, and more appalling disasters than have yet been chronicled are feared. The first train bound east for eight days left here today.

2000 Families Homeless. It is estimated that over 2000 families are homeless, and a property loss of \$5,000,000 has been suffered. Steamers from the river and Puget Sound are still being pressed into the water. The water is now rising over the roofs of houses. Fifty families are ruined.

SEATED ON THE LOUNGE DEAD.

Asked for a Drink of Water, and When It Was Brought to Him Had Ceased to Breathe.

Yesterday afternoon the home of William Roberts, 608 Gerrard east, was a scene of great excitement. About 3 o'clock Mr. George Doidge dropped in and heard Mrs. Roberts were chatting together when Doidge asked Mrs. Roberts for a drink of water. Mrs. Roberts left the room for a drink of water and when she returned a few minutes later she found Doidge sitting on the lounge quite dead. The cause of death was never ascertained.

DR. SUTHERLAND RESIGNS.

But the Official Board Declines to Accept the Pastor's Resignation.

At a meeting of the Quarterly Official Board of Central Methodist Church held last evening Rev. Dr. D. G. Sutherland tendered his resignation as pastor of the church. Dr. Sutherland has been unable through illness to take either his pastoral or pulpit work during the past 6 months, and his physicians having given him no hope of recovery for some months at least, he thought it in the interest of the church that he should resign his pastorate.

By a unanimous vote of the board he was asked to withdraw his resignation, the board offering him one year's leave of absence and entire freedom of responsibility from any affairs of the church. In the meantime acceptable pulpits supply could be had. A special meeting of the board will be held Monday evening to receive Dr. Sutherland's reply to the request for withdrawal.

SUICIDE AT WILKINSON.

Hiding From Justice J. J. Jernyn Goes Insane and Shoots Himself.

WILKINSON, June 1.—J. J. Jernyn shot himself in his house at an early hour this morning. He was found by his wife, who was in the house at the time. He had been hiding in a small room for some time, and his wife had been unable to find him. He was found with a bullet wound in the chest, and he died shortly after he was taken to the hospital.

A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

Canada Equals Its Neighbors in Literary Merit.

The current number (June) of The Canadian Magazine is a decidedly good one compared with any of the June periodicals. In variety of interest, in literary quality, in everything that makes a strong monthly, it stands high, and the illustrations are exceedingly creditable. Travel and exploration are illustrated by Tyrrell's reports, stands high, and the illustrations are exceedingly creditable. Travel and exploration are illustrated by Tyrrell's reports, stands high, and the illustrations are exceedingly creditable.

Quinn's Fane for Fifty Cents.

More and more widely spread is the rumor that Quinn's fane for fifty cents is a good one. It is a good one, and it is a good one. It is a good one, and it is a good one. It is a good one, and it is a good one.

Terrence Meale Chases Club Congress.

The prospects for a good house at the annual performance of the newly organized male chorus in the Grand Opera House on Tuesday next are assured. From a musical standpoint the chorus is a very good one, and it is a good one. It is a good one, and it is a good one. It is a good one, and it is a good one.

Did you see in the window?

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A Profit-Earning Company.

In the important matter of net surplus for its policyholders the North American Life Assurance Company, Toronto, stands in a prominent position. It is a good one, and it is a good one. It is a good one, and it is a good one. It is a good one, and it is a good one.

Headquarters for Engine Packings.

We have on hand the largest and best assortment of engine packings in Canada. We have on hand the largest and best assortment of engine packings in Canada. We have on hand the largest and best assortment of engine packings in Canada.

How Much for the Farmer?

When fancy bread is sold at 50c per loaf, the farmer gets 10c. When it is sold at 40c per loaf, the farmer gets 8c. When it is sold at 30c per loaf, the farmer gets 6c. When it is sold at 20c per loaf, the farmer gets 4c. When it is sold at 10c per loaf, the farmer gets 2c.

AMONG THE POLITICIANS.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS AND BARE TONGUES.

Sir Oliver Mowat and Mr. Meredith Will go to Balfour's Assistance in South Essex—Mr. Meredith to Speak in East and West York Next Week—The Latest From Archbishop Cleary.

What was announced as a "Temperance rally" took place in Temperance Hall last night. There were probably 40 persons present, but there was talk enough for ten times that number. Motions and amendments and amendments to amendments were put thick and fast, and it was seldom that less than two people were speaking at one time.

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SESSIONAL ROADWORK.

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AN ELOPEMENT'S STRANGE QUEL.

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OUR CATTLE ARE DISEASED.

SYMPTOMS OF CONTAGIOUS PLEURO-PNEUMONIA FOUND BY THE EXPERTS.

So Says Mr. Gardner in Answer to a Question in the Commons—Dile Assails the Government on Acquiring Useless Unhealthy Territory Like Uganda—The Subsidy for Pacific Steamers.

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THE TARIFF DEBATE ENDED.

FINAL AMENDMENTS PASSED IN COMMITTEE YESTERDAY.

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