

tracks were several feet under water in many places, so that the road was full of interruptions all the way from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Coast.

Moreover, four big bridges on the Thomson River were carried away, that at Lytton, at Spence's Bridge, at Ashcroft and at Savona. The one at Kamloops escaped, but suffered great damage. Notwithstanding all this, the journey of the Reverend Superior General suffered no delay, and he arrived at Kamloops on the 17th of June, a few hours only beyond the appointed time. The Indians at Kamloops, having been warned of his coming, came to welcome him the same afternoon. Next day the Reverend Father went to visit the Industrial School, and the transit had to be made in a canoe, driving being made impossible on account of the high water.

On Tuesday the 19th, a visit was made to the old mission-house, and to reach which a slough had to be forded, where the water was high enough to oblige us to climb the seat of the carriage the best way we could. Although the water had now subsided over ten feet, the marks of its passage were very conspicuous on the house. The mission-house had looked somewhat like Noah's Ark, it having water six feet deep all around, even a few inches of the floor being submerged. The chickens, and some other domestic animals had to be taken in to save them from destruction by water.

On the 21st, a visit was made to the Indian Reserve, and the high water was here very much to our convenience, as we had only to take a boat at a short distance from the railroad track in town, and paddle off to the end of the main street in the Indian Village. A week sooner we could have gone with the boat through the main street, and landed on the steps of the front door of the Indian Church. The Reverend Father General was very much pleased to hear our Indians praying together aloud, as is their custom, and he celebrated a Missa Cantata, the Indians chanting the Kyrie Royal, the Gloria, etc. As trains could not be expected to be very regular at that time, and one train happened to run on time that evening of June 21st, the Reverend visitors, Reverend Father Antoine, Assistant General, and formerly Provincial of our order in Canada, and Reverend Father Lacombe were companions of the Very Reverend Father Soullier, availed themselves of the opportunity to proceed on their journey. So we left Kamloops at 11.00 p. m., June 21st, and arriving on time at North Bend next morning, 7.00 a. m. There, a delay of a few hours was experienced, owing to the time required to make transfers and connections with the steamers further west, where the track was not yet passable. We were at Yale about 12.00 noon, and there the operator of the telegraph came and told us that a message had just gone over the wire, announcing the death of Archbishop