

THE FLOOD.

The Rise of Water Unprecedented in the St. John.

The Bridge Too Short for the Swollen River.

The Flooded City and Surroundings.

The Gas Supply Likely to be Cut Off.

Suffering in Sheffield-Ferrying the Cattle to the Highlands.

The Freshet Believed to be at its Height—Water Rising Very Slowly to-day.

Along the deluged banks of the St. John at any rate, this unprecedented rise of water will mark the jubilee year as nothing else will. The floods, which, at present, submerge such a large portion of the city, will be remembered for many a year to come, and the boys who are now playing in the water between the Baptist church to Regent street, across the length of two blocks on Brunswick street, are going to have a hard one to make the generations yet unborn believe their seemingly incredible story. The past winter was likewise

A Most Remarkable One, and memorable for its continued succession of almost unprecedented heavy snow falls, and railway lines were blocked in every direction for weeks or more at a time, and lumbering and other operations were checked and seriously interfered with. This unusually high freshet, or deluge as it may better be termed, is quite a natural sequence of such a winter of storms. This spring has been cold and backward, and the great depth of snow which lay along the banks of the river and streams has gone off with a rush beneath the hot May sun. There is yet a vast quantity of snow in the woods, and Mr. Bennett, who has recently arrived from the upper St. John, informs us that the lake has not yet broken. This being the case, the freshet cannot be expected to subside much until after this year, which is ordinarily the cause of the spring freshet.

The water continued to rise rapidly to nine feet about three o'clock yesterday afternoon rising at the rate of an inch an hour. From three o'clock until dark the rise did not rise more than an inch and a half, and a little later on in the evening when it was reported that the water was on a stand, the cheering news was received with much welcome, although not generally credited. The great rise and rush of water which threatened

To Deluge the Whole City occasioned no inconsiderable alarm. The report, however, has proved practically correct. The water rose last night only three-fourths of an inch, or at the most not more than an inch. The water, the night and day before, was quite still, which has probably occasioned the calm. To-day again, however, the temperature is much higher, with a bright and hot sun.

The excitement caused by the rising floods is intense. Very little else is talked of. The water's edge, whether in the front part of the city, in the rear, or in the centre of the city on Brunswick street, is constantly threatened with ruin. Last night was a beautiful moonlight night, and hundreds of people went strolling about the streets, and viewing the scene presented by the flooded city. The light of the moon was a novel and grand one. The water has flooded the whole street at Carlton street corner and for a long distance shoreward from one side to the other, extending over the whole front part of the city, while the tall trees, houses, lamp posts, facing hydrants and door steps reflected their images in the glassy surface.

The principal road, however, is the approach to the bridge. The bridge has at last proved itself too short to span the highly river which flows past the city. On Thursday afternoon, as stated in our last issue, the water came up around the asphalt pavement on Carlton street and forced its approach to the bridge. The swelling flood caused the bridge approach to rise a little and orders were given to suspend it down with stone. The stone was obtained on St. Mary's side and a team was engaged hauling until this morning when the stone was put in place. The water yesterday morning poured over Carlton street like a milldam cutting off the approach to the bridge. A large snow, however, has been anchored, which leads from the bridge to the sidewalk, and this morning was set to work arranging a solid flooring over the top of the snow which will make a firm and convenient passage way for Sunday shoppers of the bridge. Teams are required to

Find their Way to the Bridge, whose sole dependence is on a great deal of heavy ice. The roadway which is covered near the bridge with about two feet of water is getting full of holes as the ice breaks up. The sidewalks are submerged for quite a distance on both sides. The wooden carriages are floating on the water, and the wonderful structure is rapidly being demolished a little sooner than some people thought it would.

The back of the river at the lower end of town by the Cathedral and along Waterloo Road is the highest point on a level with the river and the great difficulty now is

To Get a Landing Place for the boats. A rise of another inch and Capt. Abernethy says another inch. He had in mind the boats at the Indian camp in St. Mary's but the difficulty there now would be in finding the water at this end of the bridge with the low shores. Water has entered

The Basement of the City Hall and covers the market place and police cells about a foot deep. Even the subterranean drainage, known as the police court, is coming in for a cleansing water covering the floor six or eight inches deep.

A rise on Brunswick street early this morning was quite a novel sight as picturesque as the moonlight view. The milkman with his milk delivery cart, rode about from doorstep to doorstep, his horse plunging into the deep water on the uneven surface. He would

Struggle to Get His Cart close enough to the door to reach the highest step and thus avoid wetting his legs. He was also obliged to carry a passenger from one of the residences around the corner to a higher and drier spot in the city. Ketchum's bridge at the lower end of the town is inundated and water backed up in this low place has

at the lower part. College street is flooded and all of the plank walkways have had to be weighted with rocks.

The gas works is surrounded by a lake and the furnaces are present within about nine inches of the water. If the water rises as much last night as the night before the

Gas Supply for the City would have been cut off. The managers of the works notified the citizens yesterday of the condition of affairs and to be prepared for the worst this evening.

At Gibson the water is up on the platform of the Northern & Western railway depot and the train would be in the flood above the station. Water is up to the windows on all sides of the railway work shops. Mr. Gibson's new schooner might possibly be launched without

the aid of ways. The village at Barker's Point is pretty well submerged and boats are about the only means of conveyance there. The roadway on the opposite side of the river is submerged in places as it is at points all along the river.

On the Lowlands in Margerville and Sheffield there is one vast expanse of water, with just here and there rising knoll of land above the surface. The river is over five miles wide, and the waters of the St. John and Grand Lake are united, the low lying lands, islands and islands between them being entirely submerged, only the branches of trees being above water. On the lowlands the residents were anticipating a high freshet this year and nearly every one made preparation for it. High scaffolding were raised for the cattle, but the freshet height is far beyond what was expected or ever before experienced. The highest of the temporary scaffolds are submerged and now the farmers are

Ferrying Their Cattle to the Highlands on the opposite side of the river. There is a report which lacks confirmation to the effect that a number of cattle have been drowned. There are but very few houses in which the water has not entered and with the water is close up to the second story windows. Water has entered the lower part of houses on the very highest grounds, where it never before entered. It is generally agreed that the freshet at its present height is higher than in 1854. Mr. Burpee's store is flooded. The bridge at Lakeville Corner, Sheffield, has been carried away by the freshet.

Communication is cut off on the highway roads in all directions on the lower part of the river. The water in the Oronto is backed up over lowlands plains and bogs for miles in every direction.

The white bridge below town is deluged and many other bridges are submerged all along the river. The river above the Kawick bridge is high and little damage is being done by the freshet. The Kawick bridge is said to be holding fast, although almost out of sight in the water. The Matiasquack bridge, which was not damaged by the ice as reported, is surrounded by water, as is the bridge and residence of Mr. McNally at Burgoyne's ferry. Several other bridges and roadways above town are covered under several feet of water, but no damages are reported.

The Railway. Three culverts have been washed out on this end of the Northern and Western. An engine of a special was thrown from the track Thursday near Newburg Village. A few rods above the Durham bridge an embankment caved in completely blocking the highway road until shored out. At Wawa, on the Fredericton branch, and at Millville on the main branch of the New Brunswick, water is over the top of the rails. At Hartland, Florenceville and other points up the river the track is submerged and no trains are running.

The Mills. No trains are running yet between Vancouver and Dauger and a dispatch to the Globe says the freshets are doing an immense damage in Maine. A mail containing letters only arrived here from the State yesterday noon. The bags were on board of the steamer to Eastport and St. Stephen and then brought by train here. Mail letters being forwarded to the west by way of Montreal and to points south as Orleans and Eastport.

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THE MARITIME BANK.

The Protracted Discussion Before the Chief Justice.

Vigorous Opposition to the "Directors Ticket."

The Argument Postponed To-day Until Monday Next.

The argument for the appointment of liquidators was continued before the Chief Justice on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Kerr argued in the same line with Judge Palmer and Mr. Rand against the appointment of the directors ticket. He contended that a combination was made between Messrs. Sturges, Collier, and VanWart, which was claimed was a reprehensible act. He contended that the directors, who were appointed by the shareholders, were not to be considered as having forfeited the confidence of the bank and the creditors of the bank. He further said that when the announcement of the result of the vote at the shareholders meeting was given, the directors and bank clerk congratulated the success. He contended that the directors, who were appointed by the shareholders, were not to be considered as having forfeited the confidence of the bank and the creditors of the bank. He further said that when the announcement of the result of the vote at the shareholders meeting was given, the directors and bank clerk congratulated the success.

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