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## SOME INCIDENTS OF THE GREAT FLOOD TOWN COUNCIL HOLDS IMPORTANT SESSION

Eleven Horses Rescued With Difficulty—Many Homes Wrecked and Some Narrow Escapes—The Story of the Highway Bridge—Smith Lumber Company Shows Pluck—The Task of Saving McElroy & Murchie's Property—Damage in Maine Towns.

Manager Rutledge Presents Report—No Choice of Fire Chief as Yet—The Proposed Changes in Town Hall—Power Company's Request Under Discussion—In Hands of Committee—Applications for Gasoline Tanks, Lights and Boxing Match Referred to Committee—Filtration Plant In Fine Order.

**Horses Rescued**  
Interesting incidents in connection with the great flood are told, now that the panic is over.  
Among others was the rescue of eleven horses, belonging to the Smith Lumber Company and the Imperial Products. When Alfred Page, E. R. Teed, Herbert Hay, and others managed to reach the horses at 5 a. m., Monday, the rescue of the animals could only be accomplished by swimming. With the water over their backs the horses started out of the stable and by careful handling, were soon landed in a safe place. There were some thrilling scenes in this locality.

with warehouses on Water street were badly damaged.

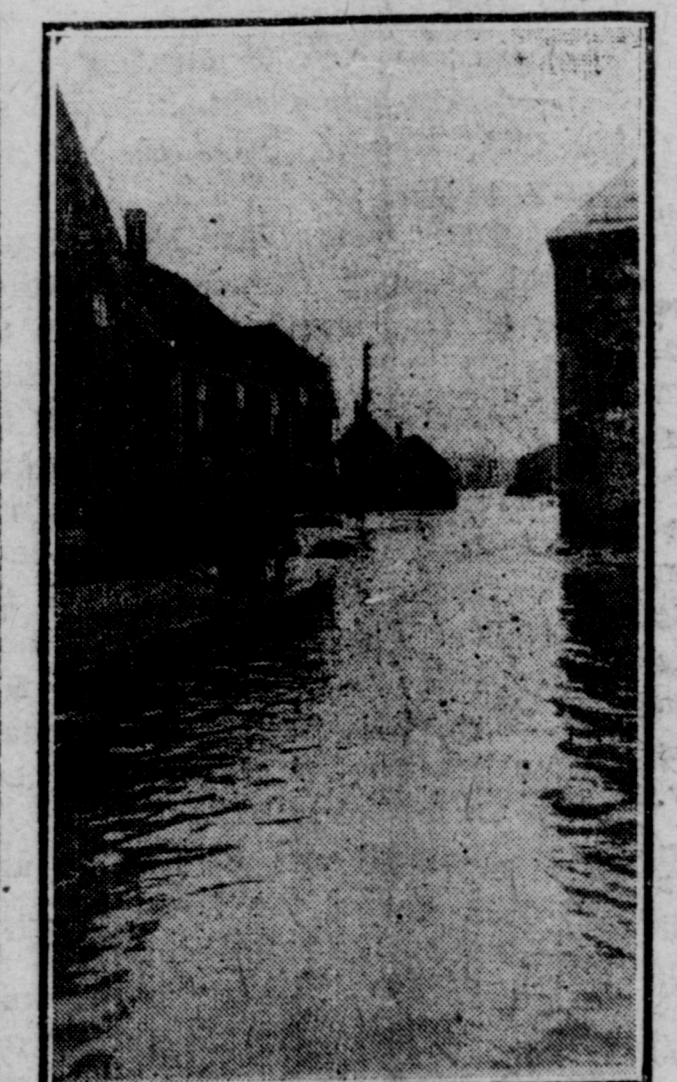
**Houlton Suffers**  
Houlton in common with all of Maine, has suffered much damage as a result of the floods following a 48 hour rain which began Saturday evening and lasted until Tuesday morning.



Scene on River street, where many families were driven from their homes

The damage in Maine is estimated at \$4,000,000 with hundreds out of employment all over the state. It will be days before the damage can be repaired.

**In Fort Fairfield**  
At about 3.30 Monday morning the fire alarm sounded to rout out the inhabitants of Fort Fairfield to warn them of what was upon them. The dam at the Monson mill pond had broken, letting the waters of the Patee brook down in a torrent, tearing out much of the dam at John D. Gregg's mill, lower village, sweeping out the new concrete bridge there, and carrying down stream five buildings. These buildings were the abandoned Nightingale grist mill, the old J. B. Gray building on the corner, the blacksmith shop north of the street, owned by F. Fitzherbert, and a small office, garage and ice house belonging to Percy Fields, who keeps the store near by. Most of the buildings were smashed and went far down, but the Gray building.



Scene on Main street

**Narrow Escape**  
Fred Niles and his family were asleep when Smith's logs broke and carried away the furniture in the lower part of the house, which remained standing, held only by a few slender supports. The Niles family were rescued with difficulty.

Mrs. Britton's house was carried away and she lost about all her furniture. Sandy Barnett, whose house was higher up than the others took no chances, when the water was rapidly rising, and moved out. The property was damaged.

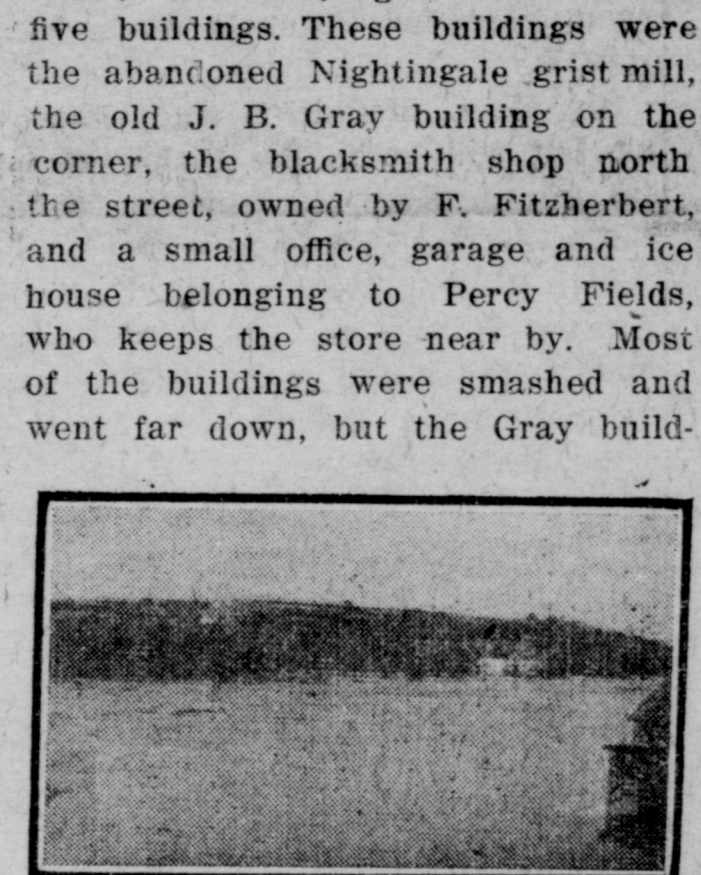


Scene on Mill street as water was rising

**When the Bridge Went**  
Mr. Page, who was on the ground tells of many thrilling episodes after the Smith logs started. He said the office and warehouse of the L. P. Co. came down stream together, and the warehouse collapsed when it hit the bridge, the office building was tilted over, owing to a large safe in one corner. At 4.50 the large stable of the L. P. Co. moved slowly out in the centre of the stream and hit the bridge which was moved about a foot by the impact, the building going to pieces. Soon after, or at 5.10 the packing plant left its foundation and swept by the swift current raced for the bridge going straight through. The building slowed up on reaching the small dam, below the bridge, and went to pieces before reaching the railway bridge. It was a heavily framed building and would have, undoubtedly, taken the railway bridge if it had not collapsed.

**Other Damages**  
The McPhail building was held up by a single piece of concrete, and looking at the premises it is hard to understand why it did not go out. The building is badly twisted and the tenants showed good judgment in vacating and not taking chances.

On river street the water reached a great height as will be noted in the picture. The following were driven from their homes, which were all damaged: Mr. Miller, Frank Camp, George Britton, Harry Camp, Herb True, Bill Dunlap, Wm. Babbirk, John Thornton, Charley Butler, and Mrs. Eli Shea. W. F. Dibblee & Son



Scene on river showing Island Park Exhibition building in the distance

ing stuck only a few rods below. A search failed to find many pieces of the ruined bridge. Four men who were upon it when it started lost no time in getting off.—Fort Fairfield Review.

**Heavy Losers**  
The Smith Lumber Company lost \$23,000 in logs, \$2000 in repairing mill, and individual owners of logs at the mill lost \$3000. The mill was quite badly wrecked, the "slip" was carried away, and eight concrete piers undermined. With slight repairs the machinery will be all right. The company is now repairing the mill. It has 400,000 feet of logs at Marvin Brook, and 200,000 feet more in sight. Men have gone forward to get the drive down and the mill will be started about the middle of May. It is the intention to cut what logs they have. All orders for barrel staves and heads will be filled, and it is hoped to be able to meet the barrel demand for the season.

Chas. Briggs was a heavy loser at Bellville. He lost 100,000 feet of logs, Clarence Bell lost 20,000, and others were more or less losers. The mill was badly shook up and it will take a month to repair it before sawing can be proceeded with. After the bridge was burnt a few weeks ago, a temporary foot bridge was in operation, but it went out with the flood.

**Among those who had to move out are:**  
Abraham G. Clark, Thomas W. Berryman, Stephen Thornton, John Thornton, William Rolston, Horace R. Bull, Amanda Brown, Claud Campbell, Elijah Bragdon, John Fordham, Perry Thornton, George A. Nevers.

Mr. Thomas Berryman suffered quite a loss as the water undermined a portion of the concrete wall under his house.

The water was several feet over the Main road, and the supervisor, J. C. Hovey, secured a boat, and engaged Thomas Rolston to ferry the people back and forth, but all traffic for teams was blocked for several days.

**Island Park**  
While nearly the whole Island was under water no serious damage resulted. A few spots in the track will require attention and the fence is straightened up in places. The fast horses, including Dan Hedgewood, have been taken back and are being exercised every day. The whole damage is placed at \$150. Owing to the new law "Turn to the Right" the bridge approach to the Island will be altered to comply with the changing conditions. The new approach will be a decided improvement.

**In Grafton**  
McElroy & Murchie of Grafton, who have about one and one-half million

The regular meeting of the town council was held Monday night with every member present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The bills and accounts were entered for the month and went to the finance and audit committee. The town manager read his report which was adopted. Coun. Creighton said that the ballots were in indicating the choice of a fire chief, but owing to the town manager being so busy the matter was allowed to lay over until Friday night's meeting. The town manager has made a plan of the proposed changes in the town hall and received five tenders for the work, but until he had his blue prints ready would not take any action.

**The Report**  
To the Mayor and Council, Town of Woodstock.

Gentlemen:— I submit herewith a report covering details administered from the Town Office for the month of April, 1923:

**Streets and Sewers**  
Chief work was ditching and cleaning catch basins.

**Water**  
There was considerable thawing of services due to cold weather at the beginning of the month. Otherwise this department was normal.

**Fire**  
Seven alarms were answered during the month.

feet of logs in brows, at their mill in Grafton, browed on the banks of the St. John river, were successful in saving them all. While the water came up over them, and several of the brows upset, and were carried from their foundations, Mr. McElroy put on a large crew of men, and made a heavy log-boom, which he put around the whole lot. He bought more than 3000 feet of heavy hemp rope, and secured all the wire lines that were available, kept their crew at work day and night, and by taking the lines away back to the big trees in the fields along the main road, they got good shore fastenings, and saved them from getting a start in the swirling current.

It looked on Wednesday, May 2nd, as if it was going to be impossible to hold them; but on Thursday morning, the water had reached its highest mark, and at noon it began to drop back slowly, and this just saved the situation. Had the logs once got started, it would have been impossible to save the Mill, and Stephen Thornton's double tenement house, which is in between the upper brows and the Mill would have also gone out. Mr. George McElroy wishes to thank all of those who came to his assistance, and for the many privileges that he received, through his trying ordeal.

A great many of the residents of Grafton, had to vacate their homes, and some left so hurriedly, that their household effects could not be moved out, and their losses are very heavy.

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ing the month. On two occasions this department purchased a new team for a two horse horse cart during the month.

**Remarks**  
On April 30th, due to the failure of the Woodstock Electric Light Company's dam, a flood occurred on the Meduxnakeag Creek which indirectly caused the failure of the bridge, carrying the water main connecting the two parts of the town. This left the South side without water until the steam fire engine started to pump at 11 a. m., a period of about 5 1/2 hours. As the standpipe was kept full on the North side this was the only dangerous period during the unfortunate event. The next day or two lines of hose were slung across the river and regular water service of the chemically treated water was resumed. The Provincial Board of Health warned the people to boil the water and during this time the pipes were well purified by excessive amounts of chemicals.

Detailed report then followed. The matter of the Woodstock E. L. and Power Company was then taken up, the council going into a committee of the whole.

Mayor Brown—"You are aware of what transpired at a meeting with some of the officials of the company. If you wish to take any action on the request of the company the matter is now in your hands."

The following letter was read: Woodstock Electric Railway Light & Power Co.

Woodstock, N. B., May 1, 1923 To His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Woodstock, Gentlemen:—

On account of the serious accident to our Dam yesterday morning, we will not be able to furnish Hydro Power for some months at least. We can, however, furnish Electric Current by Steam, but the cost of coal and labor will be so excessive as compared with Hydro, that the actual cost will far exceed the revenue under existing rates. Our estimate is, that it will require at least double the existing rate for Power, and a 50% advance on all lighting services.

If your honorable body is willing to accede to this proposal so far as our contract is concerned with the Town, and allow a rate of 4c per K. W. hour for power, and 3c for street lighting, we will continue the service, and file new rates for all other services, as above.

Yours truly, The Woodstock Electric Railway, Light & Power Co.

A. G. BAILEY, Secy-Treas. Clerk Hartley read the contract between the town and the power company.

Coun. Creighton said: "This matter is so important that it will be well to not act too quickly. While I am in favor of dealing fairly with the company, we must remember we have a duty to perform to the citizens. Before committing ourselves to anything we should have Manager Rutledge ascertain from the N. B. and Aroostook Power Company whether they had a proposition to make to the town and also get a price on modern steam plant. In any case, don't be too hasty. I understand the company don't intend to get back to hydro."

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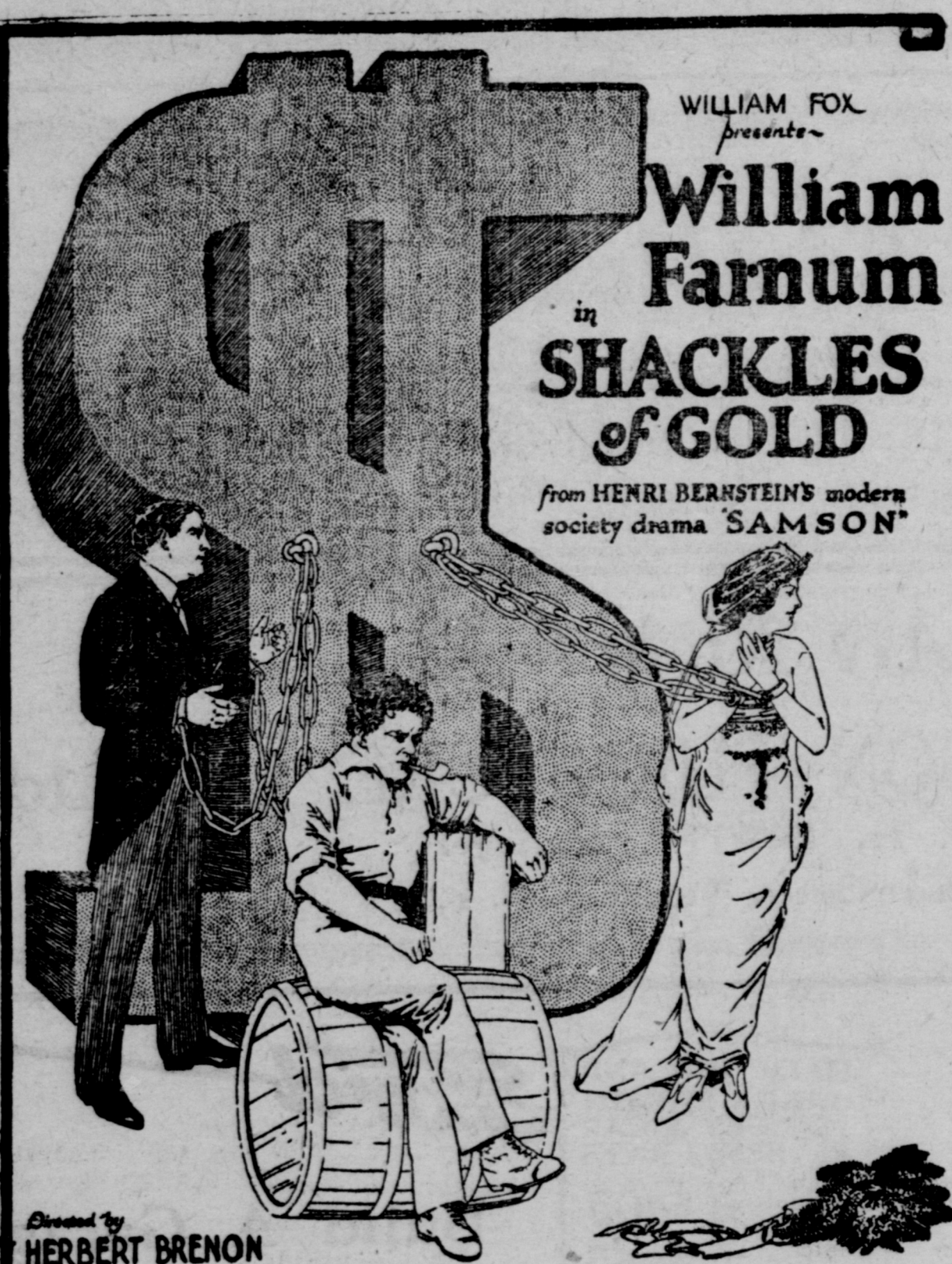
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