

WORK OF RELIEF WENT ON ALL DAY WITHOUT STOP

**Bennett and Donald Ross Schools Which Were at First Utilized Had to be Abandoned Owing to the Rapid Rise of the Water—
Bedding and Clothes Are Badly Needed Today**

The work of relief proceeded apace all day yesterday until well into the night, under the superintendence of Walter Davidson, secretary of the welfare league, assisted by a large number of volunteer helpers. Owing to the rising waters several changes had to be made in the preliminary arrangements. On Gallagher's Flats it had been proposed to utilize Bennett school, and fully two hundred families moved their furniture into the building earlier in the day. Late in the afternoon the water began to surround the school, and the refugees, becoming nervous, scattered into higher districts. Some were accommodated at St. Luke's mission and the Presbyterian church at River Heights and a number of private houses, and last night there was nobody in the Bennett school but Mr. McDonald with his stock of groceries and the members of one family who were contented to stay there for the night.

West of Mill Creek, on Gallagher's Flats, the homeless were cared for in several buildings near the City Dairy, some excellent arrangements being made and everybody made comfortable under the circumstances.

Mr. Walter's Generosity.

For the unfortunates in Walterdale, John Walter threw open a number of his vacant houses on the south side, about twenty-five families being cared for in this way; while Prof. Edwards took a large number to the university buildings and supplied them with every comfort.

At Ross Flats the school was surrounded with water during the afternoon, and the homeless were cared for by private individuals who kindly offered accommodation, and by the Edmonton hotel.

Those on Fraser's Flats who had been driven from home were taken to the Alex. Taylor school, where there was plenty of room for all those who were in immediate need.

"The greatest need for tomorrow," said Mr. Davidson last night, "is for bedding and clothing, and we would like to make a special appeal for those articles. The Salvation Army officials generously contributed a large supply, but more will be needed, for even if the water subsides at once it will take several days before all the homeless are once more comfortably provided for."

The central depot for receiving bedding and clothing from the citizens has been changed from the old York and McNamara store to the old store of Wilson's, limited, at the corner of Fourth and Jasper. This store will be open at nine o'clock this morning.

Some cases of sickness among the homeless were looked after by the welfare league last night, including one or two confinement cases from the neighborhood of Gallagher Flats.

A very large number of meals were supplied to the destitute yesterday by the welfare league on behalf of the city, orders being given on several restaurants. The arrangements made in this connection were expeditiously carried out, and no complaints were heard as to the service.

T. R. Turnbull last night made special mention of assistance given by Mr. McNeill of the Twin City Transfer. A call went out for autos to move the children marooned in Donald Ross school who had been taken there earlier in the afternoon in boats from the Children's Shelter. Mr. McNeill placed his cars at the service of the relief workers and also assisted himself, going knee deep into the water to remove the children.

At this point there was an amusing incident. Mr. Turnbull missing his step, plunged face first into the swirling stream. A policeman who went to rescue him also fell and both were badly soaked before they were got to the dry earth. Neither was injured.