

AUSTRALIAN FLOODS MAKE 6,000 HOMELESS.

For the second time in three months, floods ravage the Northern Coast of New South Wales. 200 square miles of Australia's richest dairy farming area lie submerged. Devastated by the swirling waters is the town of Kempsey, where the River Macleay rose 5 feet in one afternoon. Stock losses are set at £3 million. More than 15,000 cattle are drowned. Hundreds of rotting carcasses litter the countryside. The loss in dairy cattle may bring a reduction in butter exports to Britain. Once thriving Kempsey is now nothing but mud and wreckage. 15 people are known to have been killed. Hundreds more are missing. Six thousand are homeless.

As the waters recede, Kempsey takes stock. The Australian Government have given \$40,000 for relief work, but with the damage set in millions of pounds, it is left to the people in this disaster area to fend for themselves. Like their forefathers - who wrested these homes from the wilderness - they will start anew.

