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AUSTRALIAN FLOODS.

Work begins in Australian towns and villages along the New South Wales coast to clear the streets and to repair the damage caused by the recent floods. As the waters slowly recede, the full extent of the disaster becomes known. Hundreds of homes have been ruined, and damage is estimated at many millions of pounds. This house was swept more than half a mile across the town of Lismore, in one of the hardest hit areas of all. 23 people are known to have died in the floods, but it is feared that more have yet to be found.

Thousands of cattle, have perished in districts famous for their farms produce. Fresh supplies of foodstuffs are rushed to feed those which are still alive. Severely damaged was Casino where a span of the bridge was swept away by a wall of water thirty feet high. Already gangs of workmen have begun temporary repairs.

The Queen and Prince Phillip stayed at this hotel in Lismore only ten days before the flood. Shepherders face their task with a smile as their salesgirls clean the damaged goods, covered in mud and slime. Polluted by the river, all meat has had to be destroyed. More than a quarter of a million pounds, worth of food grain and anything contaminated are dumped in a local pit. Such is the devastation in the wake of the worst flood in the history of New South Wales.