

FLOOD DEVASTATION.

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Following one of the heaviest rainstorms ever known in Scotland, this was the kind of scene to be witnessed in many towns and ~~villages~~ villages. One of the worst hit was the town of Newmilns in Ayrshire --- where mud and rubble lay many feet thick. In view of the height --- ~~the water~~ --- reached by the floodwaters, it is a miracle that no lives were lost. This car was carried a hundred yards by the raging flood; roadways were torn ~~up~~ in half, as if an earthquake had struck.

But this devastation in Scotland is dwarfed by comparison with ~~the~~ ^{on the other side of the world.} the damage wrought along the east coast of the United States. Nearly a hundred died on the island of Haiti when the hurricane known as Hazel swept across it on its vengeful path ^{to America in} to the northwest; through the Carolinas and Virginia.

On --- and into Canada; these were the floods on the outskirts of Toronto that came in the wake of the hurricane.

Fruit and vegetable crops --- only just harvested --- were part of the estimated loss running into millions of dollars. This was the eighth hurricane to strike the United States and Canada this season; and --- the worst.