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SOUTHPORT, April 4.

Further rain, accompanied by fierce gales, fell here last night, the result being that the flood waters of the Nerang River have again covered many farms at Benowa, Merrimac, and Carrara, the water being up to the tops of the fences on a number of properties. This is the third year in succession that the dairy farmers in the localities mentioned have had their winter grass paddocks flooded, and the much-needed grass for winter feeding destroyed. The river was very high at Benowa, and the Carrara ferry was taken off yesterday afternoon. The weather this afternoon was fine, and the flood waters are receding. Traffic between Brisbane and Southport was resumed to-day.

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Exceptionally heavy rain fell throughout the South Coast district yesterday and to-day. The heaviest rain has been at Springbrook, where 1520 points has fallen since Sunday night. For the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. to-day 850 points has fallen, and another 320 points was recorded to 5 p.m. Heavy rain, accompanied by a fierce south-easterly wind, was experienced at Southport last night, 576 points being received in the 24 hours ended 9 a.m., and to 4 o'clock this afternoon an additional 446 points fell. In three and a half hours this morning 376 points fell, inundating the streets and flooding the country sides. Since the rain commenced on Sunday night 1270 points has been recorded at Southport. Burleigh Heads has had 5 in. since yesterday morning, and for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. to-day 678 points was received at Mudgeeraba. Gilson, near Nerang, registered 575 points to-day, and 10 inches since 5 p.m. yesterday. Nerang registered 1045 points since 9 a.m. yesterday.

The Nerang River is in flood, and the residents of Upper Nerang have been cut off. Nerang Creek at Gilson is running a banker, and the Mudgeeraba flats are inundated. Farmers' crops have been slightly damaged. District mails have not been unduly delayed, but the Springbrook mail car was held up from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. yesterday on Gillespie's Hill, the unfinished portion of the new Springbrook road. Further rain on top of what has been already received this week would do much damage to the bulk of the South Coast farming lands. The weather is now clearing in most places. Very heavy rains have fallen in the Upper Tallebudgera district since Sunday, 1336 points having been registered at the Upper Tallebudgera post office to 6 p.m. to-day. From 2 p.m. yesterday, 1086 points were recorded. This morning Tallebudgera Creek was running level with its banks, but the flood waters have now subsided.

TWO DEAD, HUNDREDS HOMELESS IN QUEENSLAND FLOODS

BRISBANE, Sun: In the worst flood since 1893 hundreds of people in south-east Queensland have been forced out of their homes.

Two men have been drowned—H. Watson, 50, farmer of Croftby, south of Boonah; and Mervyn Harris, 31, of Ormeau.

About 200 people in the Nerang district are cut off by the flooded Nerang River and are running out of food.

Hardest hit by the floods were the areas south of Brisbane and the Boonah district, 59 miles south-west of Brisbane. At Boonah the floodwaters passed the high level mark of the record flood of 1893.

The body of Watson was found in Teviot Creek. He had been missing since early morning, when he was seen clinging to a log in the creek in an attempt to cross to rescue some stranded calves.

Rescue attempts to reach 28 people marooned at Dungandan included the use of home-made rafts and horses and an eight-hour nightmare drive from Ipswich by a police convoy hastily organised for rescue work.

The rescue party constructed a raft made from oil drums and a table, and, preceded by a specially picked team of strong swimmers, was pulled and poled across the swirling current.

A sum of £25 in bank notes in a pack of clothes probably saved the life of 36-year-old Charles Adamski, a Boonah mechanic, who was swept away when attempting to reach the raft on its last trip. He held on grimly to the pack, which aided him in floating downstream for more than half a mile until rescuers managed to throw a rope to him at a bend in the creek.

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Although the rain ceased generally

at midday today, flood waters still isolate the south coast and many adjacent mountain towns.

Late tonight residents of Beaudesert, Beenleigh, Mt Tamborine, Eagleby, Logan Village, Waterford, and Nerang were cut off.

Police, however, reported that the situation in those towns was under control and that there had been no loss of life.

The Logan River burst its banks at Slack's Creek, about 19 miles from Brisbane, and floodwaters have submerged the Pacific Highway to a depth of 30ft. The main South Coast railway is blocked near Beenleigh, where the track is under 1ft of water.

Passengers on the South Coast train held up at Beenleigh on Saturday night were unable to find accommodation in the town and were forced to sleep in the carriages.