

FLOODS AT EARBY

MILL STOPS WORK

While Barnoldswick was practically immune from floods in the heavy downpour this week neighbouring places have suffered some damage, and at Earby Messrs A. J. Birley Ltd., Victoria Mill had to suspend work on Tuesday. It is expected that work will be resumed in ---- shed to-day (Friday). Grove Shed also suffered from flooding.

When the rain ceased at 11p.m. on Tuesday night, there had been an incessant downpour for 24 hours. The recorder at Earby sewage works shows that this month already 2.38 inches of rain had fallen which is not surprising when eleven of the thirteen days had been wet. For the whole of October the rainfall was 6.56 which is the heaviest rainfall recorded for October since 1916 when it was 9.93 inches.

The efficacy of the removal of Booth Bridge weir and the straightening of the Earby beck course by the council some time ago was seen in the fact that the beck carried all the extra flow of water away from the sewage works. The water when at its height at this point was two feet below the bank surface. This was a great contrast to previous occasions when the course of the beck could hardly be defined in the broad sheet of water which developed during heavy rains. The wisdom of the council's action in this matter abundantly was justified.

Lane Ends and Albert Street were flooded, the water in the latter case entering the Victoria Mill extension at the back and flowing through the shed, this overflow coming from the New Cut stream. In the neighbourhoods behind the Empire Theatre the overflow came from Earby Beck. At Waddington Fold Farm, occupied by Mr. J. S. Procter, a small bridge which spans the stream below the junction of the two streams was washed away but several bridges survived.