

BIG MOP- UP AFTER FLOODS HIT CITY AREAS

ST. SWITHIN'S DAY brought the floods yesterday and left many families suffering the after effects of tor-
rential rain.

Mopping-up operations still continued this morning following flooding in Dublin—the worst hit area. In Baldonnell area alone nearly an inch of rain fell.

At Mount Argus, the Poddle burst its banks, flooding two houses in Loder Park. Mr. William Walton, who lives there with his wife and four children, blamed the flooding on the Corporation because they have not cleaned the river.

A widow and her two children had their house, next door to Mr. Walton, also flooded. Mrs. Eileen Kavanagh claimed her house is often flooded.

ROAD FLOODED

Sheriff Street area of Dublin was also flooded and people in St. Laurence O'Toole flats could not cross the road because of three to four feet of water.

In Benburb St., Mr. John Smith and his wife were forced to remove their two children from their beds after water came through the roof of their single apartment home.

Dublin Fire Brigade was called to 20 cases of flooding and a fireman today said: "We were kept going the whole night long with these."

Many sporting fixtures were cancelled or badly affected by the weather. Attendance at the Val Doonican competition at Woodbrook Golf Club was greatly reduced.

Other parts of the country were not as badly hit as Dublin and some spots avoided the deluge altogether.

"The weather is still unsettled and outbreaks will occur again but not as bad as yesterday," said a Meteorological Office spokesman today.

A.A. WARNING

An A.A. spokesman warned motorists to look out for fallen branches in country areas.

At Rosslare Harbour Meteorological Station, one quarter of an inch was recorded in the space of an hour. The rain, accompanied by a north-easterly gale, caused the postponement of many sporting fixtures in South Wexford.