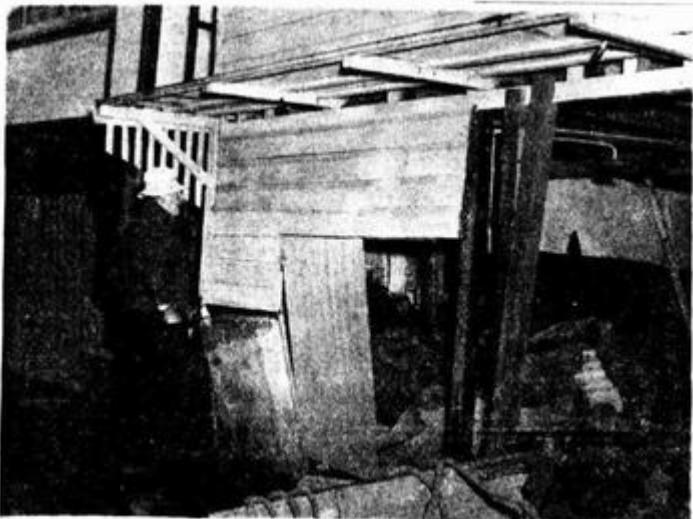


Landslide At Lake



Mr. E. Donnelly examines a home at Coal Point (left) affected by a landslide yesterday. Centre: A concrete block which fell into the basement of the house. Below: The walls of the adjoining house bulge and waterfront rails lean forward.





HOMES DAMAGED BY LANDSLIDE

A landslide on Coal Point-road has seriously damaged three homes.

A 150yd. fissure began to develop between the road and lakeside three weeks ago. Sunday night movement increased.

Mrs. G. Robertson said yesterday that on Sunday night she felt her home, one of the newest in the area, move slightly.

Yesterday one of the cement supports beneath the verandah had fallen at least 10 inches. Most doors would not close completely and large cracks honeycombed ground around the foundations.

Mr. E. Donnelly said most of his time recently had been spent straightening supporting railway sleepers and posts beneath the floor of a cottage he had rented out. The lower cement wall, within three feet of the lake, has crumbled at roof level, and leans drunkenly towards the water. At the time the wall moved the tenant, Mr. W. Smith, was not in the building.

Mr. Donnelly's own home has also been badly damaged. Several slabs of concrete have fallen from the side into the basement.

Concrete paving and the retaining wall on the water edge have crumbled. Pressure against the decking of wooden landing jetties forced piles to tilt at a dangerous angle. The end of one landing has fallen into the water.

Other homes in the area are owned by Messrs. W. Little and W. J. Gould.

The landslide area covers about 1500 square yards and tapers from half way between the road and lake to the water's edge.

Residents said it would be hopeless to attempt to repair their homes till movement stopped. The slide had been caused by the extremely heavy rain last month. Their only chance to save the homes was to place heavy timber beneath overhanging balconies and verandahs.

The new landslide at Boolaroo

The new landslide at Boolaroo had worked to the embankment of Thomson-road and slipped back into Johnson's property and to Crawford's orchard, the President (Mr. L. Ellis) told Boolaroo Urban Area Committee last night.

He had inspected the landslide yesterday.

Large holes had been left in the ground and the landslide had done considerable damage. The slide was working towards Fairfax-road and was too boggy to drain.

Because of the reported seriousness of the landslide and its nearness to the reservoir, the committee decided to ask the Lake Macquarie Shire Clerk and Engineer immediately what could be done to save property.

Boolaroo branch of the A.L.P. decided to arrange a deputation to the Lake Macquarie Works Committee to-day to see what had been done to prevent the further encroachment on to the reservoir.

Mr. J. B. Simpson, M.L.A., will be asked to take this matter up with the departments concerned immediately.

The landslide at Boolaroo had moved another foot yesterday.