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Report	Quotation	Date of Entry
Januy 1892	1892 January 29 p93 ff: January, 1892, was a memorable month in the Highland Counties, noted as it was for an exceptionable snow storm and a still more exceptional flood. For depth and violence of drifting, the snow which fell between the 5th and 9th took the memories of aging (sic) people back thirty or forty years for a parallel; and for destructiveness, the flood which followed, consequent on a rapid thaw, can only be compared with the historical deluge which devastated Strathspey in 1829. The detail ... makes melancholy reading ... but above all there is the pleasing circumstance to chronicle that no fatalities occurred ... Strathglass, Bonar-Bridge, and Strathspey, three districts more or less outstanding in the category of calamities of this description, suffered most from the effect of the spate. Strathglass was almost denuded of its bridges, while those who farm the beautiful valley suffered heavy losses; Lovat Bridge, on the great arterial highway to the north, was partially demolished; Bonar-Bridge ... disappeared; a portion of the Skye railway was washed away; in Strathspey a huge gap was made in the railway near Kinraig ... All this havoc was wrought in a few brief hours. On Thursday afternoon [January 28] the, weather was genial, and betokened nothing unusual; by Friday morning the waters had descended like an avalanche, and every valley was a scene of wreckage and deluge... During the first days of January, the weather had been of an extremely boisterous and trying character throughout the north, with frost and intermittent snow showers; and the storm culminated on Thursday and Friday (7th and 8th) in a fall of alarming magnitude. On Friday forenoon, there was over a foot of snow on the streets of Inverness, though up to Thursday night there had been a steady thaw; while in the higher districts outside, where there was no melting, and the wind had drifted the snow into huge wreaths, some of them 10 feet deep, road traffic was rendered impossible for the time ... On level, protected ground in the centre of Inverness-shire, a depth of 2 feet 5 inches was measured, and in Badenoch 3 feet was reported, but 2½ feet may be taken as the average fall in this and the neighbouring county of Ross. On Friday Inverness ... had not, in fact, presented so wintry an aspect for at least a quarter of a century ... Skye and the outer islands suffered severely in common with the mainland districts ... Stornoway ... harbour was crowded with ships which had run for shelter from the gale". [ha 006, 008]	13/12/99
August 1768	". . . in Scotland, besides what has been already related, the country from Inverness to Perth has been flooded in an uncommon manner . . . "	17/09/98
September 1882	"Inundations by the rising of the Lossie and Spey, N. Scotland; bridge is broken and other damage mid Sept. "	29/10/00
March 1906	1906 March 18 Rainfall observer for Kingussie noted (p[8]) "Highest flood in the Spey for thirty years."	23/11/98