

The March of Ruin that Nature Abhors.

Views of the aftermath of forest destruction in the Nelson district, showing the movement of rootless soils under the action of unhindered wind and water. Such scenes as these are to be met in many more places in New Zealand than should be the case.

Top.—A valley scene of waste, where the unarrested water has rushed down and borne away vast quantities of precious top-soil and humus. Eighty years of wantonness, neglect and ignorance has brought this result. What of the next twenty years?



Bottom.—What happens—what is happening—when nature's binding of forest and plant life is removed from steep faces and high places. Wind and water shift the

soil which starts on its course to the sea. Just how the soil finds its way to the sea-bottom and how that is proved is shown in an article elsewhere in this number.



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