

## Unexpected holiday

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# Watermain break floods school

The students of Neil Campbell School got an unexpected holiday last week, when a watermain break flooded the school's basement with 13 feet of water.

The break knocked out the school's electrical systems and heating and the school was closed for last Tuesday and Wednesday.

A caretaker discovered the break at 7:30 Tuesday morning, when he found the

school basement full of water. As well, there was up to a foot in some of the main floor rooms of the school.

J. MacDonald, director of maintenance for the division, said a saddle type joint between the City's 12 inch water line and the one and a half inch line feeding the north end of the school wore out and had been leaking for some time before being forced into the basement.

He said an estimated 200,000 gallons of water filled the basement, with clean-up and damage costs estimated at \$10,000.

The City Fire Department pumped the water out of the school, and did most of the clean-up work.

The majority of the clean-up was done by Wednesday, and students returned to the school Thursday.