

TERRIBLE DISASTER.

A Mine House Destroyed by a Snow-Slide.

FIVE LIVES LOST.

A letter from J. G. Jebb, Esq., of Hall Valley, dated last Monday, brings us the following intelligence of an awful disaster :

"A FEARFUL CATASTROPHE has just happened. The Whale mine boarding house was carried away yesterday morning and five out of the six inmates killed. The names of those lost are John and James Reed, Mrs. Reed and child, and P. H. Ralph—all of Central, I believe. G. Cordier alone escaped.

"NO BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND, but I hope to recover them to-morrow, as I am organizing a party to start at once. The report just brought in further adds that there is

"NO SIGN LEFT of the Millionaire Co.'s tunnel house, in which there were four men. This, however, I trust may be a mistake.

"The mail carrier from Montezuma has not been heard from. Such weather is almost unpecedented here.

"A SECOND AVALANCHE has carried away part of the upper saw-mill."

In a postscrip, Mr. Jebb adds :

"I tried to reach the Whale mine but failed four times, though I was within half a mile of it at one time. The weather was simply fearful! The boarding house now destroyed has been inhabited for the last three years. Small slides in spring were common, and one struck the house this winter, but nothing like what this must have been had ever been thought possible. There is not a vestige of the house left, and I fear there is but little chance of our being able to find the bodies before next spring."