

**A Freshet in the Shawangunk Kill
— The Dam of the Middletown Water
Works Washed Out.**

The dam belonging to the Middletown Water Works, in the Shawangunk Kill, near Howells Depot, was washed out at about 3 o'clock, this morning, causing a damage of \$1,500 to \$2,000. The dam was built by the Water Commissioners to secure a supply of water to be pumped into the reservoir, when needed, and it also furnished the power to work the pumps.

The pump house was not damaged in the least but it is said the entire dam was carried away.

People living along the kill say the water was higher last night and this morning than in many years.

At this writing we have not heard of any further damage along the kill, but it is probable that considerable property has been destroyed.