

FLOOD CREST PASSES EMERSON

Red At '48 Peak Here

City Waits Full Tide To Strike

The Red river in Winnipeg Monday was virtually at the height it reached during the flood of 1948. At 2 p.m., official reading at the James avenue pumping station showed the river level at 23.3 feet above datum.

This was a rise of more than a foot in 48 hours. Peak level at James street May 1, 1948, was 23.4 feet, officials say. At noon Saturday the river level had been 22.2 feet above datum at Winnipeg.

EMERSON — 65 MILES FROM WINNIPEG — Worst of the flood appeared over in this border town Monday. Official water level report said the river had dropped one-half inch overnight to 46.14 feet. High point was reached Sunday at 3:30 p.m. when the level stood at 46.18 feet.

WINNIPEG CITY — 60 MILES FROM WINNIPEG — The 1948 flood levels were left behind when the Red rose three inches overnight — ordinarily by five miles distant, the Red crept within two miles of the town — Roseau river danger seen from southern backwaters — town cut off from Emerson — a tank car of water, more boats and waders sent from Winnipeg Sunday.

LETTICIER — 56 MILES FROM WINNIPEG — A 15-inch rise Sunday night put flood waters here more than 16 inches over '48 levels — dike still intact, holding back huge mass of combined Red, Roseau and Marais river waters — RCMP Emerson patrol boat scheduled Monday to carry



Worst hit Manitoba town during the week-end was Morris, which was struck by a flash flood that caught the residents by surprise. Today the community is virtually a ghost town following mass evacuations.



Soldiers rushed from Winnipeg erect sandbag dikes around the new hospital at Morris

'It Made A Body Cry' Says Mother Of Seven

BY FRED EDGE A plump little woman with a placid eye for five children and a "what-will-be, will-be" outlook on tomorrow sat in a railroad waiting-room Sunday and calmly faced an unpredictable future.

Mrs. Ed Lesperance was a Morris flood evacuee.

At 3 a.m. Sunday she was a woman with a husband, a home and seven children.

By 7 o'clock she was flooded out — frantically struggling to hoist heavy, precious furniture to the highest point in her south Morris home.

Eight hours later she was separated from her husband and two of her children — sitting with her remaining five boys and girls in the railroad rest-room of a strange city.

The floods were a side-splitting joke — the rushed trip out an "adventure" — to the five children with her; Alice, 11; Bob, nine; Lloyd, six; Mary Lou, three; and 16-month-old Terry Jean.

Real tragedy To their mother, a be-spectacled, middle-aged woman who spent a sleepless night Saturday worrying over her family — it was the "tragedy of 23 years' married life."

"It all happened so fast . . ." she murmured. "Saturday night there seemed nothing to worry about."

At 3 a.m. Sunday it was snowing, but it still didn't look really bad.

"I know because I couldn't fall asleep . . ." she added half-apologetically.

At 3 o'clock I got out of bed and felt out the front door. The water was up to our doorstep."

One hour later the Lesperance household had risen to an emergency.

"We had to weight down the trapdoor over our storage basement," Mrs. Lesperance said. "I kept the water from pushing it out."

"It wasn't any use. By 7 a.m. Ed (my husband) and I were wading knee-deep through the living room."

Injuries Arise "She felt her arm — strained when she helped lift a living room couch to a pair of makeshift chair-pillars."

"In town it was enough to make a body cry," she said.

"The farmers had herded their livestock on to higher land and the cattle were bawling in to break your heart. Coming along the roads they were neck-deep in water — poor things."

Ed Lesperance and the two older children remained behind in Morris.

"They're living in box cars," Mrs. Lesperance said. "Lots of people are. The rail yards are just jam-packed with evacuated families and furniture."

"I don't know what we'll all do . . ." she add worriedly.

Mrs. Lesperance and five children are en route to Rivers, Man., where they will move in with a sister's

family. After that, they have no definite plans.

"Ed gave me a message for the children and all the other people who had to leave Morris," Mrs. Lesperance said hesitantly. "He told us not to worry and to remember that the folks back there would look after themselves."

"You know . . . (more to the children than anyone) . . . things always look worst as they happen. This won't seem half so bad," she concluded, "in time."

Garson Due 'To Clarify' Ottawa Stand

OTTAWA, May 1 (Special) — A statement to be made to the commons Monday afternoon by Hon. Stuart Garson, minister of justice, will clarify the federal government's attitude toward the increasingly critical Manitoba flood situation.

While Mr. Garson himself declined to give away advance indications of what it will be, the belief persists here that the federal and provincial governments are already laying the groundwork for a plan of federal financial aid should the floods in the Red river valley become still worse.

Big Losses Seen As one source remarked, "there may be tremendous losses ahead."

Manitoba's representative in the cabinet planned to speak after the urgency of the situation has been outlined in detail by Rene Jutra, Liberal member for Provencher.

Other Manitoba members may also get into the discussion, among them Stanley Knowles (C.C.F.—Winnipeg North Centre).

Meanwhile Ottawa has been re-fraining from making commitments, taking the stand that in the first place it should not seek to take the initiative from the province concerned. Many provinces, it is pointed out, are very touchy about federal intervention before being approached in the most specific terms.

It is now understood that the Manitoba government's views have been made known to Ottawa in a formal way, and these presumably will be dealt with in the minister's statement.

Mr. Garson did disclose that he intends to pay a warm tribute to the fight being carried on by the province, the municipalities along the track of disaster, the Red Cross, the armed services, and by farmers and other citizens. "They have all done a magnificent job," he remarked.

Remarks such as these might be calculated to put the house of commons in a receptive mood to any proposals for federal assistance which may be recommended.

Torrent Sweeps Morris

BY GORDON SINCLAIR Free Press Reporter

MORRIS, May 1 (Special) — Reeling from a flash flood early Sunday, this semi-deserted town learned Monday the Red river had reached its peak at Emerson, 28 miles south.

An unexpected three-foot wall of water about 4 a.m. Sunday poured thousands of gallons down on the southwest area of Morris.

Heading Mayor Harry Shewman's plea that all those able to go so should leave town immediately, 630 persons — approximately half of Morris' population — have now temporarily moved to Winnipeg and neighboring towns.

News that the Red at Emerson had risen only one and one-half inches in the 28-hours ending at 3 p.m. Sunday was received with relief here. It meant Morris might expect the angry river's crest late this week.

Mayor Shewman told the Free Press the town is in the middle of a 14-mile lake and Morris is 100 per cent flooded. He estimated more than 10 per cent of the families were still able to live in their own homes.

Business in Morris was paralyzed after the flash flood swept through the main street highway 75 which was previously free of water. About the only business establishments not closed Sunday were the Commercial Hotel and Wilson grill.

Meanwhile, aid was being rushed to this stricken community. Thirty soldiers under command of one officer arrived early Monday. They will try to keep rising water, now about one foot above the 1948 peak, out of the new Morris hospital.

Twelve patients, including two new mothers, four expectant mothers and two babies, three and four days old, respectively, are in the institution. If the water smashes its way into the sand bagged hospital it may be necessary to evacuate the patients to Winnipeg, Dr. J. S. Holowin declared.

The Canadian National railways has six sleeping coaches spotted in the yards here. About 200 refugees are now occupying them. A dining car will arrive here Monday to feed those unable to eat in the hotel. If the hotel is forced to close, all remaining residents will have to eat in the commissary.

Mass evacuation of Morris started last week when 500 persons fled town. Another 50 departed for Winnipeg Sunday afternoon while nearly 80 more left early Monday. Red Cross officials in Winnipeg are arranging emergency sleeping quarters and food for the flood victims.

Roland, 26 miles west of here, has offered to take 100 evacuees, said Wes Moody, Morris Red Cross president. Other towns which have harbored refugees include Lowe farm.

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More TCA Lay-Offs, Transfers Reported

Large-scale lay-offs by Trans-Canada Air Lines in Winnipeg and fear of further moves of operational activities to eastern Canada are causing considerable dissatisfaction among the company's employees here, it was learned Monday.

The number of lay-offs has been estimated at as high as 200. In April, company officials said that about 75 mechanics and other workers in the engineering and mechanical departments would be dismissed between May 1 and June 30.

According to reliable reports, the dismissals started before May 1. Details were not available from the company Monday as the only official authorized to give out information was out of town.

Employees were reported to be disturbed also by the dismissal method used by the company. Senior staff members in the two departments are being given their notices. But if they are prepared to "bump" that is, take a less senior position — then most in lower-ranking positions will be the ones to lose their jobs.

'About Wiped Out' "The engineering department has been just about wiped out," one employee told the Free Press. The company said in April that 25 members of the department would be included in the staff cut.

Due for disappearance too is the development shop, according to the same source. Shop members have been told that developing activities no longer will be carried out at the Winnipeg base. Twelve have been let out in that department already, he said.

Another 12 are believed to have been dismissed from the sheet metal department. The 50 employees left in the shop are said to fear that the entire department will be moved to Montreal this fall.

During the past two months, 50 mechanics are said to have been let out of the maintenance plant, a dozen of them within the past week. The entire overhaul shop is reported to be on its way out.

Stop-Over Repairs The company is believed to have decided to replace complete overhaul of planes at Winnipeg with progressive maintenance. Under the new plan, a plane would be kept in condition as it flew — during stop-overs at cities along the route.

Before the lay-offs started, a staff of 1,455 was employed by the

airlines company in Winnipeg, with a payroll totaling almost \$3,000,000 annually.

Last October, transfer to Montreal from Winnipeg of 150 TCA employees was completed.

Last November, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, trade minister, said in the house of commons that the company did not contemplate making further transfer of personnel from Winnipeg to other centres.

Couple Shot To Death, Found By Daughter, 4

The parents of five young children were found dead Monday morning in the basement of their Powers street home, following what police believe to be a murder and suicide.

The bodies were discovered by the couple's four-year-old daughter.

Dead are Joseph "Mickey" Kolt, 38, Canadian Pacific railway car repair helper and part-time musician, and his wife, Mary, who occupied the ground floor of 410 Powers street.

Police said Mrs. Kolt was found in a pool of blood on the basement floor, and had evidently been shot between the eyes while removing laundry from a clothes-line.

Lying On Back Her husband was lying on his back, shot through the right side of the head, a .22 calibre rifle clutched beside him. His head and shoulders were inside the coal bin doorway, where he had evidently toppled from a sitting position.

Four of the Kolt's children were at Machray school when the tragedy occurred. The fifth, four-year-old Gloria, had gone to the basement with her parents at about 9:30 a.m. Kolt reportedly told her to go upstairs and look at the baby of the second floor tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sulyma.

After 10 or 15 minutes, the child returned to the basement and found her mother shot. She ran back to Mrs. Sulyma, who investigated, then ran to the corner grocery, a few doors away, to call a doctor, K. Levenstein, the grocer, said he tried to get a doctor but couldn't, and called police.

Detectives arrived on the scene about 20 minutes after Mrs. Kolt's body was discovered, and found the man and woman both dead, still bleeding profusely.

Quick examination showed each had been shot once. Mrs. Kolt was



JOSEPH KOLT

MARY KOLT



A sleepless night hadn't daunted these three hardy Morris youngsters as they grouped about their mother in the Canadian National railways station in Winnipeg early Monday. Left to right are Jeannette, six, Mrs. Art Schellenberg, Garry, 2 1/2, and Jimmy, eight.

Rye Futures Hit New Highs For Season

Sharpest advance of the season May and July futures were up the was recorded in rye futures in daily limit of 10 cents, while October rye gained 9 7/8 cents at the top to establish a new seasonal high. At the morning's high point

Local and commission house short covering and good buying credited to American interests resulted in the upswing.

Small Talk



"Gimme a break — will you?"

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Refugees From Inundated Areas

Stiffer Penalties Coming In Drug Cases, Court Hints

Imposition of stiffer sentences for narcotic drug users was indicated in provincial police court Monday when a Winnipeg woman was advised by the crown to obtain counsel before hearing of a charge of possession of heroin without obtaining counsel. A. M. Shimbane, crown counsel, after stating that the crown was proceeding by way of indictment, pointed to the decision of the Manitoba court of appeal last week which upped a nine-month sentence against a 26-year-old woman to two years in the penitentiary. He asked that Magistrate D. G. Potter advise Miss Cuthbert to get counsel. The magistrate then told the accused woman what had occurred in the appeal court when his sentence on a similar charge was almost tripled. When she advised the court she could not afford counsel, Magistrate Potter arranged for her to be represented by free counsel appointed by the Manitoba Law society for aid to indigents in criminal cases. She was then remanded for one week in order that the counsel could look into her case.

WANTED: TALENTED CITIZENS FOR VOLUNTEER WORK

Have you vocal or musical talent worthy of audience approval? The Central Volunteer bureau placement committee is recruiting entertainers for agencies which cannot afford professional singers, musicians or dramatic actors. The bureau is also looking for a number of second-hand blue smocks which might be used by volunteer workers. At the same time, Mrs. I. G. Jenkins, 4th floor, 489 Main street, placement chairman, said a special appeal is being made for retired businessmen to act as volunteer drivers.

B'NAI BRITH CHIEF TELLS OF WORK

Samuel W. Leib of Detroit, president of district grand lodge 5, B'nei Brith, related how the organization's lodges assisted with the establishment of Israel and told of the community work they are doing, at an initiation ceremony Sunday night in the Hebrew Sick Benefit hall. At the ceremony, 100 new members were inducted, bringing the total lodge membership to 1,400. Rabbi Arthur Chiel, director of the Hillel branch at the University of Manitoba, spoke on the establishment of a B'nei Brith junior chapter.



Four sisters just arrived from flood-stricken Morris manage to smile over their plight. Left to right are Hilda Hoff, 18, Mary Hoff, 14, Lydia Hoff, 12, and Bertha Hoff, 20. Hilda and Bertha are employed in Winnipeg.

Addresses Feature Sparring Anniversary

Five short addresses by church members highlighted Sunday services at Sparring United church, marking the 45th anniversary of the edifice. Two of the original members spoke on the early church. Mrs. Albert Hill dealt with the period from 1905-1907, while W. B. McKeay told of the erection of the new church in 1912. Miss Alice Muse spoke on the work of the church during the depression and wars. Robert Daily's topic was the work of the United church in Canada, while Norman Edward's subject was The Ecumenical Movement Seeking to Unite the Forces of Christianity. Rev. G. A. McMillan conducted the service, assisted by Rev. R. A. Swyers, minister of the church from 1918 to 1917, who led the prayers. The choir was under the direction of Robert Bolander.

VENEREAL DISEASE FIGURES DECLINE

Manitoba's venereal disease figures dipped to 26 cases during the week ending April 22, a report from the department of health and public welfare revealed. Cases for the previous seven days totalled 33. Of the new instances, 17 were gonorrhoea and nine syphilis. A break-down of figures shows 11 cases of gonorrhoea and five of syphilis in Winnipeg proper, one case each of gonorrhoea and syphilis in the suburbs and five instances of gonorrhoea and three of syphilis at rural points.

OWNER SCARES YOUTHS: FET-LOVING PROWLERS?

What may have been a break-in attempt at the Aqua Terre Pet Shoppe, 510 Portage avenue, was foiled by the proprietor, Herbert Watkins, late Sunday afternoon, detectives said Monday. While working in the basement of his shop about 3:45 p.m., Mr. Watkins heard a noise and ran upstairs just in time to see a youth smashing a rear window with his fist. Mr. Watkins ran outside and saw two youths, both about 17-years-old, making off on bicycles.

Coat Taken As 'Kibitz', But Nets 3 Months

A man who said he took a coon-skin coat hanging in a Main street cafe, "just for a kibitz" or joke, last Feb. 28, was sentenced to three months in jail, by Judge A. R. Macdonell in county court, Monday. Mervin McOskey, 30, of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty to theft of the coat, valued at \$125. Judge Macdonell ruled that the prison term should date back to Feb. 28, when the accused was taken into custody. City police said that the owner of the coat, George Lukic, of the Ninette sanatorium, was in Winnipeg. While in the cafe, he left his coat hanging up, and shortly after noticed it missing. It was found lying on a table in a booth occupied by McOskey, police said.

ODD FELLOWS, REBEKAHS OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

More than 350 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs gathered at Broadway First Baptist church Sunday morning for their annual anniversary service. Rev. E. M. Chackaluk called on the group in testimony on behalf of the Christian life. Deputy Grand Master J. Northcote assisted in the service.

BALLET PERFORMANCES NOT AFFECTED BY FLOOD

Performances of the Winnipeg Ballet, to be staged Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the Playhouse theatre, will be presented as scheduled, David Yedreau said Monday. Flood conditions have not affected the theatre, he stated.

ASSINIBOINE AVENUE HOME BROKEN INTO

The home of Mrs. L. Thompson, 323 Assiniboine avenue, was entered through a basement window sometime Saturday evening, city detectives said Monday. As yet there is no report on what is missing.



Mrs. Ed Lesperance and five of her seven children sit in the waiting room of the Canadian National railways station in Winnipeg, evacuees from their flooded home in Morris, Man. To the children — Bob, nine; Terry Jean, 16 months; Alice, 11, holding three-year-old Mary Lou and Lloyd, six—it is a great adventure. But Mrs. Lesperance is thinking of her husband and two other children still in Morris, and of her home and furniture lying in several feet of water.



A service station at Morris surrounded by water several feet high.



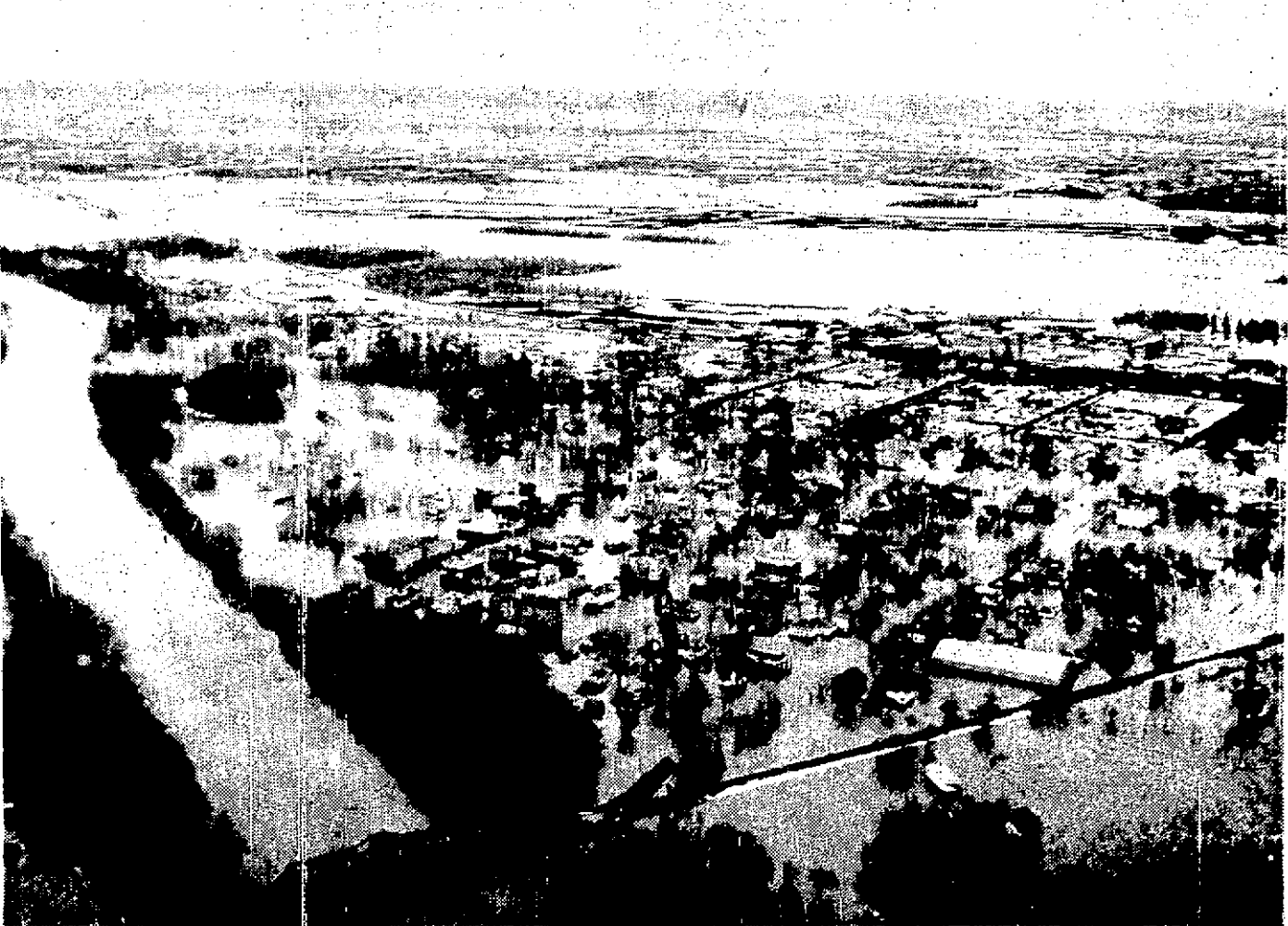
A man in a motor boat cruises along over flood streets at Morris.



Residents of Wildwood in Fort Garry are shown here rushing up sandbag dikes as the Red sends swollen waters swirling through the wooded areas near the river.



With water covering the main streets and surrounding the homes, St. Jean Baptiste was a town badly hit by the Red river flood.



Water-logged Emerson, Man., pictured here from the air, rejoiced Monday morning to hear that the Red river, which had swamped the town under a record depth of water, was starting to recede. In the foreground can be seen the Canadian National railways bridge over the river, the same span that carries road traffic from Winnipeg into the town. On the far side of the flooded town is the Canadian Pacific railway. Both lines between the border and Morris, Man., were reported under water at some points Monday.

PEAK FLOOD GAINS ON CITY DIKES

More TCA Men Face Dismissal

Further staff layoffs will take place at the Trans-Canada Air lines operation base at Winnipeg, according to a statement made by company officials Wednesday in Montreal.

The statement did not say how many employees would be dismissed. It did not deny nor confirm current reports in Winnipeg that the total may reach over 150, more than 10 per cent. of the total Winnipeg staff.

Meanwhile, the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce sent a wire Tuesday to Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of trade and commerce, protesting any further moves of TCA operations from Winnipeg and urging "immediate investigation and action to prevent further deterioration of the Winnipeg situation."

The company's statement said 47 employees already had been dismissed at the Winnipeg base (including 10 due for dismissal soon). In April, the company indicated that the figure would reach 75. No hint was given in its statement Wednesday of the extent of further layoffs due to occur "when circumstances justify that action."

Regarding "rumored" employee transfers from Winnipeg to Montreal, the officials said:

"TCA has consistently stated that, other than the headquarters move in October 1949, it did not contemplate any transfer of operating functions away from Winnipeg. TCA has not transferred any functions from Winnipeg to Montreal nor does it contemplate doing so."

To date, 18 members of the Winnipeg engineering staff have been dismissed, two from the development shop and seven from the metal shop, the statement said. Ten other employees of the metal shop are due for layoff.

"The engineering departments and the development staff were considerably expanded for the type of work always involved with the placing in service of a new airplane," the Montreal officials stated. "This staff was established to carry out the DC3 development programme and was retained until similar work was completed on the North Star. This task on the larger aircraft is now completed."

The TCA statement said the company "contemplates the adoption of a progressive major overhaul — under which a plane

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Oust Strachey And Shinwell, Tory Demands

LONDON, May 3 (AP) — A Conservative member of parliament said Wednesday he will submit to the house of commons Monday his petition to throw Rt. Hon. Emanuel Shinwell, defence minister, and Rt. Hon. John Strachey, war minister, out of office.

Sir Waldron Smithers, leader of the outer move, wants Mr. Shinwell and Mr. Strachey removed because of what the petition calls their expressed "sympathy with Communist aims" in the past.

Tuesday the government announced that it does not intend to introduce a bill to outlaw the Communist party. Sir Waldron had asked if the government would introduce a bill similar to the one introduced recently in the Australian parliament by Prime Minister Robert Menzies.

Tuesday night the house of lords refused to censure a peer who contended Communism had infiltrated the Church of England, the teaching profession and the British Broadcasting corporation.

The motion of censure was brought by Viscount Stansgate, a Labor peer, against Lord Vansittart, a former career diplomat.

Lord Stansgate contended that Lord Vansittart had made his charges without sufficient investigation. The debate was dropped on the recommendation of Lord Addison, government leader in the lords, after Lord Stansgate had accused Lord Vansittart of "gross criminal libel."

Temperatures

Table with 4 columns: Location, Min., Max., Prev. (Winnipeg: 32, 49, Tr.)

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Havoc!



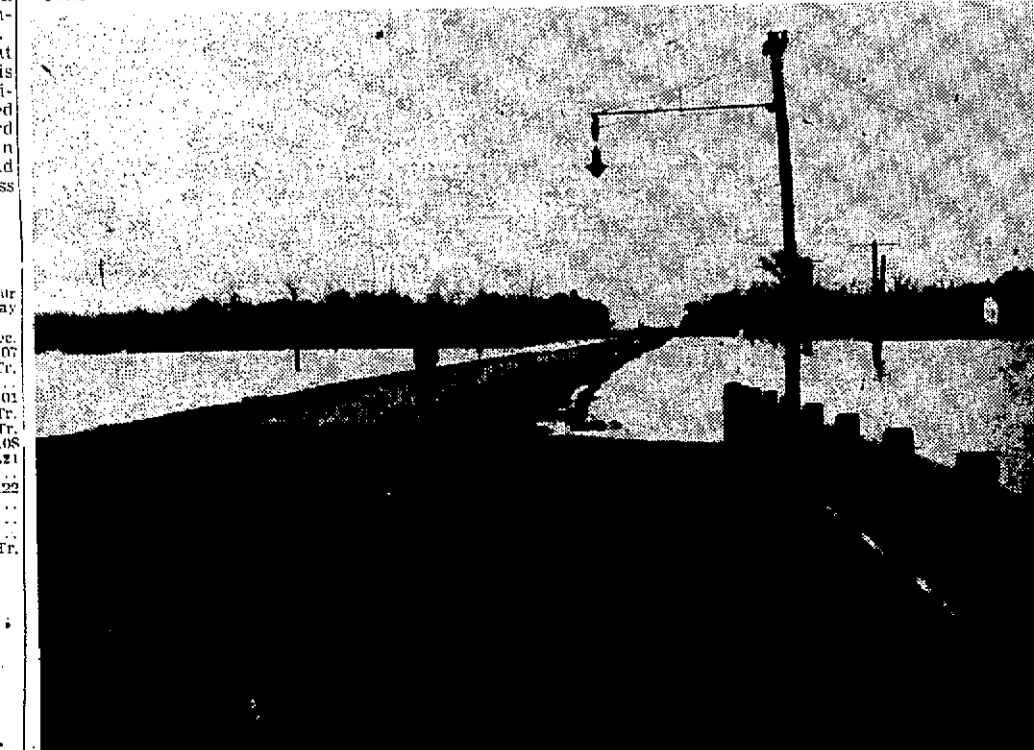
This is the view looking east towards the Red river from the top of the St. Norbert convent. Note the house isolated by water, near the bank of the river.



This giant dirt dike running southwest along Oakenwald avenue, Wildwood, is holding back five feet of water.



Flood water rising to this level around many Victoria crescent, St. Vital homes, has forced evacuation of about 20 families.



Water threatens to cut across No. 75 highway immediately south of the bridge over the La Salle river at St. Norbert.

Surging Crest Due Friday, Threat Dwarfs '16 Disaster

Manitoba's worst flood since 1916 Wednesday had the upper hand all along the line.

Some of its victories:

- City engineers predicted water level in Winnipeg would reach 25 feet above datum before it subsides. Experts also forecast that the crest should reach Winnipeg Friday. At 1 p.m. Wednesday the Red level at Winnipeg was 24.1 feet above datum — over the 1916 peak by .1. Canadian National railways officials postponed service to Emerson. Flood waters poured into Morris hospital despite week-long attempts to keep them out. Canadian Navy personnel joined the ranks of flood fighters.

A major victory for the flood was when Canadian National officials announced they "did not plan to move regular trains between Winnipeg and Emerson while track gangs were working."

The decision epilogued a two-week battle for the safety of their lines at Morris where 100 men were laboring to protect them from flood waters already over the right-of-way.

Impeding the work was the flood crest rolling north on high waves

These are official figures of Red river levels at points along its course taken Wednesday morning: Water Distance OVER Elevation 1946 peak Grand Forks . . . 513.30 (Under) 5.83 feet Emerson . . . 789.82 (Under) 1.64 feet Letellier—(gauge under water) (no report) St. Jean Baptiste—(no report received by noon) Morris . . . 773.30 2.1 feet Ste. Agathe . . . 773.00 1.29 feet St. Norbert . . . 760.50 1.0 feet Winnipeg . . . 753.67 .7 feet

whisked up by higher winds, the railwaymen stated.

They had concentrated two trains of rock and gravel at the Morris weak points and had run one regular train down the line Wednesday carrying a large supply of food for gangs and townspeople.

It was expected the Great Northern train on the Winnipeg-Morris-Emerson-Minneapolis run would pull out on time Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Emerson and Letellier were the only vaguely light spots in an otherwise dark flood picture.

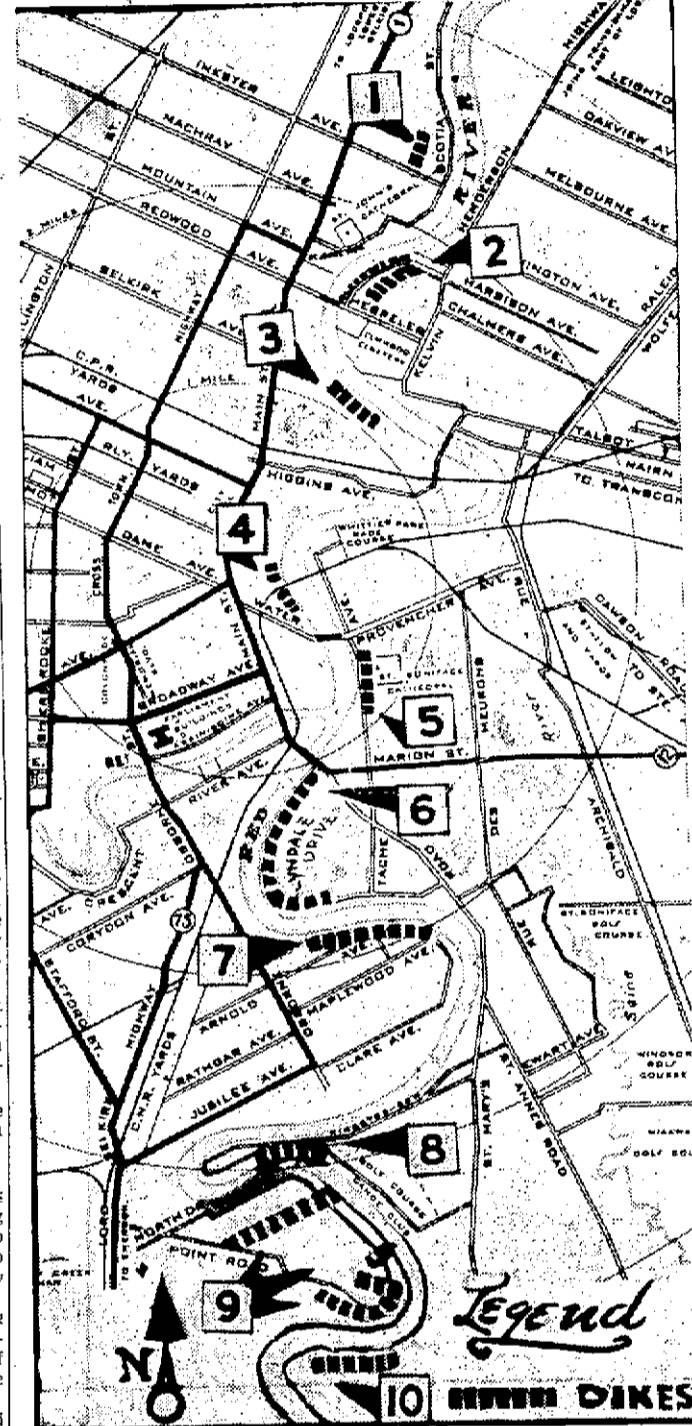
Drop At Border At the border point the waters had dropped .07 of a foot during the 24 hours ending 9 a.m. to stand at 45.85 feet. At Letellier no rise was recorded, and possibility of a major crest was uncertain.

The Letellier dike, 200 feet long by 12 feet high, was still successfully withstanding pressure of waters that, if loose, would take over the town.

To Morris, where 30 soldiers had been waging a losing battle to keep flood waters from the new hospital, army headquarters Wednesday sent 30 relief men under Lieut. W. G. Taylor of Winnipeg.

Water which had momentarily taken over the hospital were stemmed as they poured through a coal chute. More and more sand-

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Numbers on this map show where dikes have been put up in critically flooded and flood-threatened areas along the Red river in Greater Winnipeg. (1) Scotia street, West Kildonan; (2) Glenwood crescent, in Elmwood; (3) Point Douglas; (4) Lombard street and Notre Dame east; (5) St. Boniface hospital; (6) Lyndale drive, Norwood; (7) Riverview area, where two municipal hospitals are located; (8) Elm park, St. Vital; (9) Wildwood park, Fort Garry; (10) Victoria crescent, St. Vital.

More families evacuated Dominion City where some took to granaries hauled to high ground.

Army headquarters despatched relieving troops to Morris to battle cresting waters.

Swirling waters around the ancient Elm Park bridge have forced Winnipeg police to close it to all traffic except trucks carrying sandbags and Red Cross supplies.

The move was made Tuesday night as the waters rose above the 1948 peak. Private autos of Elm Park residents and even trucks carrying food to the area must go around by St. Mary's road.

The westerly section of Victoria crescent in St. Vital was under water up to three feet deep. A resident of the crescent told the Free Press that of about 30 homes, 20 had been evacuated.

"Not all of them are surrounded by water. But heat and other facilities have been cut off and it was thought advisable to move out."

Along Victoria row, which joins with the Crescent, an estimated nine homes are surrounded by flood waters and the residents forced out.

Canoes In Use Canoes are being used as a means of transportation by some of those persons sticking it out.

Dikes built up Wednesday were reported to be holding the cross-flow, although a little water was seeping through.

Office of the superintendent of the St. Boniface public works, J. A. Bibeau, will have a man on duty 24 hours to a sewer phone calls if the situation gets alarming, officials said.

"The situation is still serious," said Mr. Bibeau, "but so far it is under control. We have approximately two and one-half feet to go

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Neighbor Provinces Offer Aid In Flood

Offers of material aid to the Manitoba government in combating floods in the Red river valley were sent to Premier D. L. Campbell Wednesday from Ontario and Saskatchewan.

The telegrams came from Premier Leslie Frost of Ontario and Premier T. C. Douglas of Saskatchewan, both offering loans of heavy equipment, air ambulances and other supplies.

Official Coming Premier Frost said his deputy minister, Col. Lorne McDonald, would arrive in Winnipeg Thursday night to confer with Premier Campbell on what aid Ontario could offer.

Premier Douglas also offered to send a Saskatchewan government official to Winnipeg to act in liaison with the Manitoba government. Saskatchewan could provide pumps, bulldozers, air ambulance planes, blankets, clothing or medical supplies, he said.

Meanwhile, the provincial cabinet met again Wednesday to discuss the flood situation. No announcement as to any additional action on the part of the provincial government was forthcoming from the meeting.

If Necessary Premier Campbell has indicated that the government will ask for federal aid "if necessary," but that a proper assessment of the damage and aid needed will have to wait until the waters subside.

Following is the text of Premier Frost's telegram: "We are deeply concerned about the flood conditions in your province and I offer without reserve any form of assistance you may need. My deputy, Lorne McDonald, will arrive in Winnipeg Thursday evening and I have asked him to see you."

Small Talk



"I understand she got fired."

Daily Traffic Pointer

Conviction of a motorist who drinks, or allows his passengers to drink liquor in his auto on a highway, or who has liquor in his car that is not sealed or on which the government seal has been broken, means a minimum fine of \$50 for his first offence and possible suspension of his driving licence.

In addition, the first offender may be sent to jail for a 30-day period.

The penalty is much more severe for second and repeated offenders.

Polish Flag Flying Over Free Press Today Marking Anniversary

The Polish flag flies today from the courtesy flag staff of the Free Press, marking the annual holiday which is being celebrated by Canadian citizens of Polish descent, in commemoration of the declaration of the Polish Constitution on May 3, 1791.

Letellier Fights Epic Flood Battle

Salient Points In Situation

- Hon. Stuart Garson flying from Ottawa to Winnipeg to make personal survey of flood situation.
- Premier Douglas Campbell denies charge by E. A. Hansford, opposition leader, that provincial government not coping with flood.
- Dairy produce consignments pile up in flood-stranded towns.
- Forecast of continuous rain adds greatly to flood peril.
- The flood forced a second Canadian National railways cancellation of service between Winnipeg and the border.

- Letellier—"Tobruk" of flood battle—is only wholly dry town along Red river between Winnipeg and Emerson as residents put up epic battle behind 200-foot dike.
- Snowfall adds to discomfort of flood victims in some areas.
- The dikes around Morris hospital were breached by the flood waters which rose three inches in the town overnight.
- Highway No. 75 was covered at St. Norbert by an overnight rise of eight inches.

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CITY RUSHES LAST-DITCH DEFENCES

Hospital Dike Breached At Morris

Hit Hamlets Call For Aid

Like desert warfare the Battle of the Manitoba flood Thursday veered first one way, then another. The water had the edge. On some fronts success was with the residents — on others the still aggressive inundation did as it pleased.

The waters again took the offensive Thursday to outflank Morris and strike hard at the tiny hamlets of McTavish, Osborne and Domain to the northwest.

Calls for help from these Canadian Pacific line villages swamped Morris' mayor Harry Shewman, who did his best to answer them. Morris remained the centre of flood attraction.

A fourth town on the same line, lying west again of McTavish, had already felt the touch of flood waters. The latest movement took

Here are official figures released by the provincial drainage board on levels of the Red river (readings taken at 8 a.m.):

Location	Distance Over Elevation	1948 Peak	1949 Reading
Grand Forks	815.00 (under)	5.25	5.25
Emerson	1.48	1.48	1.48
Letellier	gauge under water, no report		
St. Norbert	782.5	2.5	2.5
Baptiste	779.7	2.5	2.5
St. Agathe	771.5	1.00	1.00
St. Norbert	769.2	1.7	1.7
Winnipeg	752.07	1.1	1.1

The main body of water further north and slightly east to the points mid-way between the two Canadian National rail lines.

A diminishing water supply was augmented by a Canadian National tank car holding 7,000 gallons and 50 four-gallon cans sent by the army.

Relief work at this totally flooded town went on as water in its streets reached a depth of 90 inches.

At Morris during the past 24 hours:

1. Army authorities sent 10,000 sandbags and 31 more soldiers to help in the battle to keep the hospital dry. Men and equipment left trucks outside town and travelled to the danger area by weasel and duck.
2. The R.C.M.P. took in two life-boats capable of carrying two tons each, engaged by 16 horse-powered motors. There are now four such craft working in the town. A two-man crew accompanied each. The boats are the property of the provincial game and fisheries department.
3. Manitoba telephone system of

Torquay Tariff Talks May Yield 3-Way Deal

BY NORMAN M. MACLEOD
LONDON, May 4 (BUP)—British officials foresaw a new three-way tariff deal between Canada, the United States and Britain Thursday as the outcome of an international trade conference in Torquay, England, this fall.

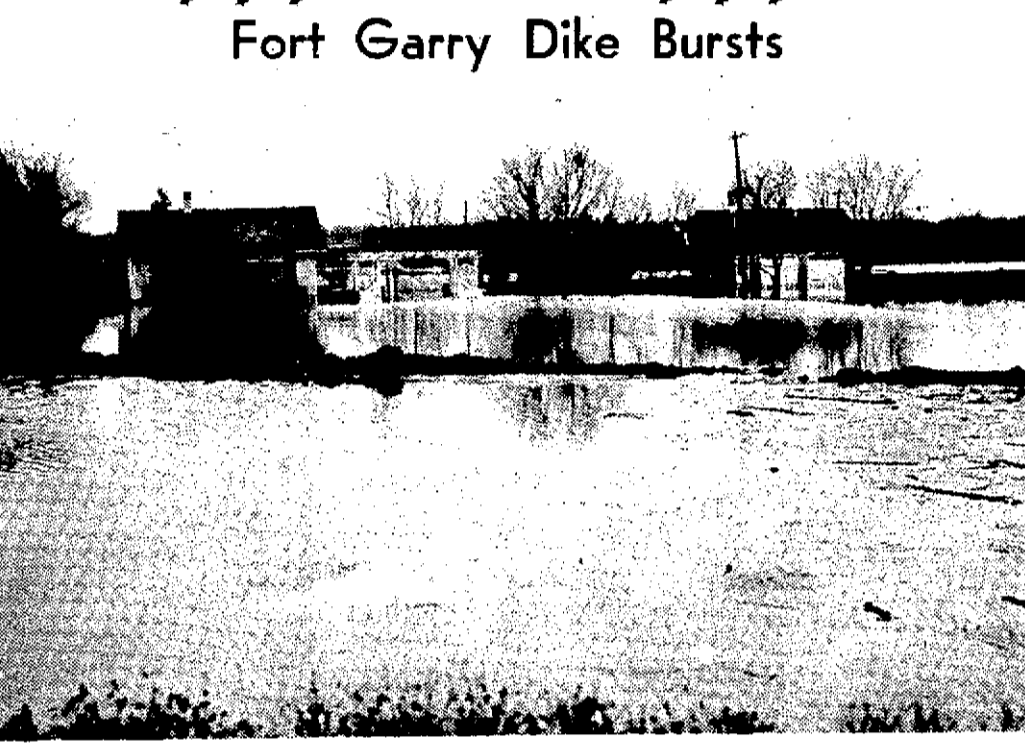
A senior official in the board of trade, Britain's counterpart of Canada's trade and commerce department, said it was believed the Torquay talks would prove the most important tariff meeting in world economic history.

The official said Britain would be prepared to barter traditional empire preferences she now operates with Canada for cuts in most-favored-nations tariffs of the United States and Canada combined. Such a move would clear a path for earlier entry into North America of British goods.

The source said Britain's main idea at Torquay would be to negotiate North American markets for British goods. The drive was aimed at boosting Britain's dollar earnings and advancing toward a freer exchange of pounds and dollars.

British officials warned that the Torquay meeting in itself was unlikely to solve the devaluation problem in one stroke. But they hoped it would materially shorten the gap to be bridged.

Even if the talks do not go so far as achieving currency convertibility, board of trade officials suggested they would provide an answer to how much Canadian



Built by school boys, this dike in Fort Garry broke Wednesday afternoon. Ten minutes later the homes in the background were inundated.

Sand And Sweat Curbing Waters

BY GORDON SINCLAIR
Sand, sweat and soil is stemming the surge of the Red river in Winnipeg.

In a three-day tour of the most affected areas we've seen thousands of sandbags and tons of soil being built up into what would appear to be an unchallengeable barrier against the swell of flood waters.

But a normally friendly river, turned merciless foe, gives its opponents no respite.

Before hundreds of volunteers finish the back-breaking task of carrying sandbags to plug the river's assault in one spot the relentless water threatens to invade a new area.

From St. Norbert to West Kildonan, all along the course of the Red, flood-fighters appear to be holding their own against the water.

Constant Watch
But 24 hours a day, residents of Scotia street, Kingston row, Wildwood, and all the other flood areas are keeping constant watch on the crafty waters.

In districts where the work has outlasted the river's rise, a dusk-to-dawn patrol only is maintained.

In other areas, diking continues through the night and those who have not evacuated go to sleep with the throb of pumps in their ears.

Crescent Drive
For a picture of what happens when the river defeats dike-builders, take a look at Crescent drive, Fort Garry.

There, for days, a group of schoolboys kept a dirt dike inches above the river's backwash.

Wednesday afternoon the dam broke.

Within 10 minutes four homes on low-lying ground were swamped.

Thursday the houses were deserted. In one lights still burned.

Neighboring housewife explained: "The water came in so

United College Starts On \$250,000 Building

United college is starting a building programme on its present Portage avenue site.

The first unit will be a \$250,000 combined theological and general library building, Dr. W. C. Graham, principal of the college, announced Thursday that a contract for its construction has been let.

(Diagram on page 12)

Work on the new building will commence immediately and is expected to be completed by May 1, 1951. The structure will run parallel with Balmoral street immediately to the east of the present main college building.

Last fall, the college considered moving to Omand's park west on Portage avenue when the city asked ratepayers to approve a \$700,000 bylaw for its purchase of the college's property as the site of a new city hall. The bylaw was turned down, however, and the college's board of directors decided to continue with its plans for building on the present campus.

Erection of the new building will allow all the college's students to take their classes on the campus, Dr. Graham said. Due to increased enrolment and overcrowding, the college was forced to hold some classes in the Army and Navy hall on Young street until the present school year. Some students also received tuition in the basement of Elgin chapel.

The cost of the new building will be covered by contributions to the college's building fund already received from United churches throughout Manitoba, the principal said.

To date, the fund has reached \$343,540, with 14,832 subscribers. More than 150 churches in the province exceeded their promised donations.

Future plans include the construction of a gymnasium and student centre on the campus, according to Dr. Graham. The second unit will be attached to the south end of the new theological and general library building.

Books In Attic
"Thousands of books are now stored in the attic of the college because there isn't an inch of space left in either of our two present libraries," the principal

Farm Products Held Up

Shipments of milk, cream and eggs were piling up in some of southern Manitoba's flood-stranded towns Thursday as the result of truck and train service break-downs.

Closer to Winnipeg, market gardeners saw their chances of valuable early crops disappearing as water crept higher in greenhouses and threatened to destroy seedlings. Most of their land lay under the murky waters of the Red river.

Winnipeg would not be affected to any serious extent by the cut-off of food supplies from the southern part of the province, local distributors said.

Farmers in the southern district were expected to suffer heavy losses, however if train service was not resumed soon. No estimate of the agricultural losses brought about by the flood conditions was available Thursday. At Letellier, however, 38 milk-shippers stood in line more than \$500 for that day's shipments alone. Between 125 and 150 cases of milk brought in to town by district farmers were due to spoil.

Canadian National railways service along the west side of the Red river—through Morris, St. Emers and Letellier to Emerson—was discontinued Tuesday night. That action cut off the last transportation link be-

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Daily Traffic Pointer
Automatic cancellation of his driving licence, plus a minimum fine of \$25, faces a motorist convicted of failing to remain at or immediately return to the scene of an accident in which his vehicle is either directly or indirectly involved.

The highway traffic act states the driver must give all reasonable assistance at the accident scene. He must give, in writing, to a person suffering loss or injury, or to any police officer or witness, his name and address, the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle, the number of his driving licence, the registration number of the motor vehicle, and any other such information requested.

Small Talk

The theological faculty — the third largest in Canada — will have specially allocated classroom and office space for the first time. It will be housed on the second floor of the new building and will have a separate reading room on the ground or library floor.

"We look upon the theological course as the capstone of our college," the principal explained. "Our main emphasis is on the church and on a liberal education."

Chapel Planned
One feature of the new building will be a chapel on the ground floor with an entrance on to Balmoral street. The exterior will be of sawn Tyndal stone and part of the interior will be finished in smooth, light-colored brick.

Over the main entrance will be placed the Dr. John Mark King memorial window. At present, the window is in St. Paul's college which formerly was occupied by Manitoba college. Dr. King was a principal of Manitoba college. The appeal for funds, started in April, 1947, is to be continued.

25.5-Foot High Threatens Here

As Greater Winnipeg citizens prepared for the climax of their struggle against the rising Red river Thursday, city engineers predicted the swelling stream might reach a height of 25.5 feet above datum, highest since 1882, when it reached 26 feet.

At the same time, flood experts revised their forecast of when the crest of the flood is expected to reach the city.

Latest prediction is that the highest water may not come until Saturday.

At 1 p.m. Thursday the river level was 24.5 feet above datum. This is 1.1 feet above the 1948 peak and six inches above the high reached in the big flood of 1916 in Winnipeg.

City Engineer W. D. Hurst said Thursday that officials were afraid the water might remain at peak height for about a week after the crest arrives. In 1948 the drop of the flood crest was more rapid.

Cloudy skies over the city Thursday brought the added threat of rainfall, predicted by the weather bureau as "continuous snow or rain tonight with intermittent showers or snowfall Friday afternoon."

City engineering officials said a heavy rainfall could cause a "serious situation" in the city, with sewers already overloaded.

Flood waters Wednesday night broke through a small dike situated on a side street, inundating four houses on Holly avenue and Crescent drive in suburban Fort Garry.

Residents have evacuated their

Snowfall And Rain New Woes

The elements aimed another blow at flood stricken southern Manitoba Thursday as a widespread band of continuous rain and snow developed suddenly over the northern United States.

In a gloomy forecast, the weatherman predicted Thursday that the snow and rain was expected to spread further northward and eastward, covering the southern prairie provinces and northern United States.

For the Winnipeg area, the rain and snow was to become intermittent Thursday afternoon, and become continuous at night. No indication of a definite let-up appeared in sight before Friday evening, the weatherman said.

Little change in temperature was forecast with a low of 35 at Carman, Gimli and Winnipeg during the night, and a high of 45 on Friday.

As the forecast dashed hopes of promised fair weather, the extensive cloud area spread from as far west as Prince Albert and south to Minneapolis, Thursday morning.

Visibility was cut to half a mile in some areas, and Brandon was blanketed in snow during the early morning. A police officer said it was the worst weather he had ever seen in the Brandon area for this time of year.

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Garson Flying To Flood Area

The Manitoba government is giving "every assistance" to municipalities in combatting floods, but will not seek federal financial aid "until the present emergency is over," Premier D. L. Campbell said Thursday in an open letter to E. A. Hansford, C.C.F. opposition leader in the provincial legislature.

Mr. Hansford had written the premier demanding that the government seek federal aid and call a special session of the legislature to consider permanent anti-flood measures.

Other developments:

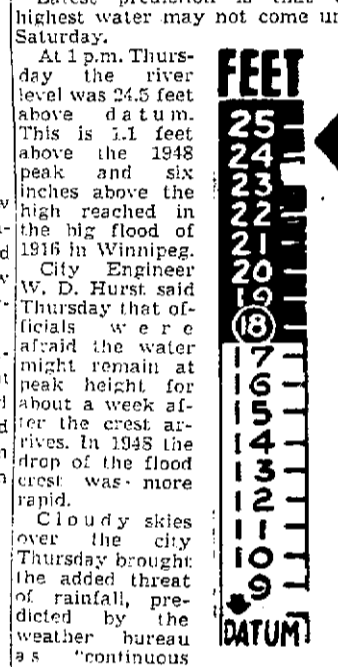
1. Hon. Stuart Garson, minister of justice and former Manitoba premier, boarded a westbound plane at Ottawa to inspect the flood area.
2. Councillors of Fort Garry municipally unanimously approved a resolution asking for federal and provincial financial assistance.
3. Rene Jutra, member of parliament for Provencher, forecast that Manitoba will seek federal aid to flood victims.

In his letter to Mr. Hansford, Premier Campbell noted he had informed the legislature at its last session that the government was prepared to co-operate with "all

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"Berle — Who's Berle?"



LEGEND
TODAY'S LEVEL
48 Peak 23.4
FLOOD LEVEL
in suburban Fort Garry.

Military Aid Requests Go Via Red Cross
Requests for armed forces aid in the battle of the floods must come through the Red Cross Central Emergency committee, Lt. Col. R. B. Halesy, armed forces flood co-ordinator, said Thursday. "The army is receiving numerous requests from individuals and organizations for assistance," he said.

The committee decides the priority of armed forces tasks. "The efficient employment of armed forces manpower available could only be accomplished by this method, he said.

Strong Winds And Rain Forecast

Wind gusts which may reach 50 miles an hour tonight accompanied by steady rain are heading for the flood-stricken Manitoba Red river valley, a special weather bureau warning says. An intense storm moving northward across Nebraska was causing strong north winds and rain over the north central states. The winds were expected to increase to 25 to 35 miles an hour along the valley this afternoon. Rain was expected by mid-afternoon and continue to tomorrow morning. The winds would drop to 20 miles an hour tomorrow. Winnipeg received almost three quarters of an inch of rain in the 24 hours up to 6.30 Friday morning. The highest precipitation recorded in the Red river valley was 1.42 inches at Pembina, just across the international boundary from Emerson. Further south, at Fargo, N.D., the total was .14 inches.

Morris Evacuation Climaxes Grim Saga



Grim and weary, the flood-evacuated patients of Morris hospital arrived in Winnipeg early Friday morning. In these pictures, three of the patients are shown being eased from the



special Canadian National railways trains which carried them from flood-swamped Morris. In the first picture, Dr. J. S. Holowin — who ordered the evacuation — helps a sympathetic



attendant to lift Mrs. Peter Warkentine from the train. Mrs. Warkentine Monday became the mother of a baby girl. In the other pictures, the attendant carries an ailing elderly man and

woman — assisted by dishevelled army men and civilians who effected the evacuation.

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FORECAST: CLOUDY WITH RAIN

'Last 148' Leave After Bitter Fight To Defend Morris

BY GORDON SINCLAIR
Final chapter in the Morris-evacuation saga was written in the Canadian National railways station Friday.
In wheel chairs, on crutches, by stretcher and on foot the last 148 men, women and children to be removed from a water-whipped town came off a special train at 3.10 a.m.
These were the fighters — the ones who would not admit defeat to the worst flood in the history of their town, but who volunteered to evacuate so food, water and fuel supplies could be maintained for the few who must remain.
They were people like 71-year-old R. S. Paterson, who retired last year after 43 years as town clerk. He was born "right on the banks of the Red in Morris," and has lived all his life there.
A veteran of five previous Morris floods, he agreed "this was the worst — even the 1897 one was nothing like this."
From his wheelchair he explained, "I didn't want to leave. I thought I could see it out. But my supplies ran short. Some of my friends told me I'd better leave. Supplies are going to be slim for those who remain."
Mrs. Paterson interjected, "We were doing fine, but we were running out of fuel."
"You can have no idea here what this is doing to the people of Morris," she said. "It's been an awful blow."
Meanwhile, Dr. J. S. Holowin, with a group of nurses, was removing from the train four or five patients.
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20 Grim Men, Big Dike Nip Letellier Disaster

BY FRED EDGE
LETELLIER, Man., May 5 (Special)—Twenty miserably cold, unshakably determined men here have fought the worst floods in their experience — and won.
They beat potential disaster with a 100-foot dike.
But behind their victory — of more significance than the eight-foot wall of protective sandbags that lines the west side of this town — is the preparedness and co-operative spirit of the people themselves.
And beneath it all lies a community heart as big as a barn.
Letellier — like most Manitoba towns — knew a flood was coming.
The memory of the floods of 1948 was still bitter-fresh in their minds.
But this time the people of Letellier were prepared.
Principally they were prepared because of Councillor Joe Damp-house.
"Joe was the driving force behind the preparedness that enabled us to meet the flood threat head-on," said Dave Parent, secretary of the local Red Cross. "It was late Saturday night, April 22, when Joe suggested a protective dike on the west side of town."
"I thought it was a good idea. We started to build the dike right that night."
"Within two days," he added, "working 24-hour shifts, the dike was finished."
He paused. "I'd like to say that this town owes a great debt of gratitude to 'Boche' Roy, municipal machine operator, who worked day and night to see the

FARMERS KILL HUNGRY STOCK



A canoe — not a horse — is transportation for an R.C.M.P. inspecting officer who visits detachment headquarters in Morris. As the inspector paddles into the room, the detachment officer sits writing flood reports. His desk and chair are held out of the water by high stilts. Behind him, against the wall, the wireless set is also raised.

Rain, Flood Hit Heat, Transport

The Red river level at Winnipeg Friday hit 25 feet above datum at 1 p.m. — a rise of six inches in 24 hours — to pass the high point reached by the flood of 1904 by one-tenth of a foot — the highest it has been since 1882.
Heavy rainfall Thursday night brought the most critical flood situation the city has experienced in 68 years.
The still-rising river is now 1.6 feet over the peak of 1948, and one foot over the 1916 high.
Provincial government engineers feared Friday the flood crest might not reach the city until sometime next week.
Here was the flood picture in Greater Winnipeg Friday, noon as the city prepared to fight against further curtailment of essential services.
● Hydro steam heat has been cut off from 300 business establishments in the downtown section. It may be off for 10 days.
● Very high water expected to remain in Winnipeg for about 10 days after the crest arrives.
● Flooded subways in the city cut off transportation links Thursday night and Friday morning.
● Flooding in the Canadian

Horse, 3 Cows Swim In Water 6 Feet Deep; Man Along For Ride

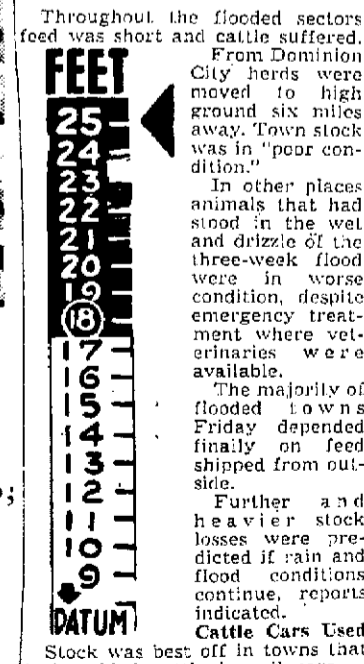
LETELLIER, Man., May 5 (Special) — A St. Jean man Thursday found his own solution to evacuate cattle from the flooded areas.
First, he tied a rope to his horse's tail.
Then, he tied three cows to the rope.
Next, he mounted the horse and rode into town.
The three cows followed behind — swimming in six feet of water.

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Fear Herd Of 50 Lost Due To Lack Of Feed

Army flood fighters lost their week-long battle with flood waters at Morris hospital at 2 p.m. Friday when the sandbag dike collapsed. Pumps were unable to keep up with water in the building. Patients had been evacuated Thursday night.
Manitoba farmers were reported to be shooting livestock Friday as flood waters destroyed feed supplies. There was little hope of saving a 50-head herd near Morris where most of the shootings were reported. Further north-west farmers fought a losing battle to save their feed and seed grains. They battled as flood waters continued stubborn advances in all flooded areas.



Throughout the flooded sectors feed was short and cattle suffered. From Dominion City herds were moved to high ground six miles away. Town stock was in "poor condition."
In other places animals that had stood in the wet and drizzle of the three-week flood were in worse condition, despite emergency treatment where veterinarians were available.
The majority of flooded towns Friday depended finally on feed shipped from outside.
Further and heavier stock losses were predicted if rain and flood conditions continue, reports indicated.
Cattle Cars Used
Stock was best off in towns that had stabled cattle in rail cars — but still the beasts suffered.
As the flood emergency hardest hit were the small communities lightened to a disaster crisis, flooded recertified.
In most of these the unexpected flood found a lack of emergency organization when it struck hard and fast.
Developments:
● The Red river rose at all points between its source and Winnipeg except at Emerson.
● Reeve W. R. Johnson organized
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Small Talk

LEGEND TODAY'S LEVEL
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FLOOD LEVEL

"So... What's good about that?"

Premier Campbell Declares:

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Morton Issues Orders

Here is a statement from Brig. R. E. A. Morton, directing officer of all relief work in Winnipeg's flood emergency:

"The Red Cross will continue to handle all requests for assistance dealing with personal problems such as housing, feeding, evacuation and first aid. Those wishing to submit such requests should telephone 31 798.

"Request for material aid such as sandbags, pumps, boats, working parties, etc. should be made to the director of flood relief; telephone 907 409.

All will appreciate that both material and labor resources are limited, Brig. Morton said. Every effort will be made to allot these where they will do the most good for the greatest number of people, he added.

"Members of the armed forces in this emergency have been given every assistance by the civilian population. I urgently appeal to all citizens to continue this support and assure them that the men of the armed services will do everything in their power to assist in this emergency," he continued.

Brig. Morton explained that an operations room has been established in the Manitoba legislative building. This will be the control centre for armed forces work and its staff will be composed of senior staff officers. Fort Osborne barracks will be employed as an administration centre.

Winnipeg will be divided into sectors roughly corresponding to the present municipalities and army personnel will be stationed in each to co-operate with civic authorities and co-ordinate relief work in each area, he said.

5-Foot Rise Is Feared By City

The emergency meeting of the Winnipeg city council Saturday morning was warned by officials that there was a possibility the waters may rise another five feet in the city.

J. W. Sanger, general manager of City Hydro, told the council that the city will be faced with a major evacuation job, which may have to be handled on a "national organization basis."

An emergency committee of the city department officials was set up headed by City Engineer W. D. Hurst with "full powers" to try and cope with the situation in the city.



This is how Elm Park and the Wildwood area looked Saturday morning from the air after the dikes gave way ending a gallant battle by flood fighters. In the foreground is Jubilee avenue, while in the centre can be seen the completely inundated Elm Park section. In the background Wildwood can be seen under water with the dike still showing.

Paper Sunday

Further critical rise in the Red river is expected Sunday and in order to keep the public informed of all latest developments the Free Press will be published Sunday at 12.00 p.m. There will be a free delivery throughout the city.

Army Commander Heads Full Scale Relief Job

The Manitoba Government Saturday proclaimed a state of emergency in the flooded Red River valley and appointed Brig. R. E. A. Morton, general officer commanding, prairie army command, as directing officer of all relief work. A special statement from the office of Premier D. L. Campbell Saturday disclosed that an emergency meeting of flood relief directors had been held between 11.30 p.m. and 2.30 a.m.

"The heavy rains and winds, which have prevailed throughout the Red river valley in the past 24 hours," the statement said, "have transformed a serious flooding condition into an extremely critical one."

Premier Campbell said arrangements were made at the meeting for immediate evacuation of patients at the Winnipeg municipal hospitals in Fort Rouge to Dr. Lodge military hospital.

In addition, warnings were issued to residents of River-view, Wildwood, Fort Rouge, Lyndale Drive, Glenwood Crescent and the St. Boniface and Lombard street dikes, "to be prepared for heavy flooding which could take place very rapidly if rising waters broke the dikes protecting these areas."

The meeting agreed that warnings would consist of radio messages to the effect that a break in a dike will be indicated by repeated three-blast signals from the Free Press siren.

The emergency meeting held in the premier's office was attended by: Brig. Morton; Col. R. B. Halsey; Lt. Col. J. W. Ritchie; Assistant Commissioner J. D. Bird, R.C.M.P.; Supt. E. H. Parson, R.C.M.P.; Chief of Police Charles MacIver; City Engineer W. D. Hurst; A. J. Taunton, assistant city engineer; D. M. Cox, secretary-manager of the city municipal hospitals; Dr. M. S. Leugheed, city health officer; Hon. Stuart Garson, minister of justice; Hon. Erick Willis, deputy premier; George Collins, deputy minister of public works; and Premier Campbell.

Water Sweeps Man To Death



ALFRED OGG

Bus Service

Buses provided free of charge by Moore's Taxi, will leave the Free Press commencing at 3 p.m. Saturday and thereafter every hour on the hour, for volunteers wishing to help in the flood emergency.

The flood situation in Greater Winnipeg by Saturday had reached disastrous proportions.

City engineering officials announced they had given up the battle to hold back the fast-rising Red river except at one dike in Elmwood.

The flood claimed its first life in the city Saturday morning when Alfred Ogg, 26, of 873 Sherburn street, was drowned while helping fight flood waters on Kingston crescent, St. Vital.

Mass evacuations started in Elm Park, River-view, St. Boniface, and other sections of the city Friday night when heavy rain and the swelling river collapsed dikes.

Everywhere, except in isolated cases, the battle appeared to be lost.

Level of the Red river at James avenue pumping station at 11 a.m. Saturday was 26.4 feet above datum.

Record flood of 1882 has now been surpassed.

The city is experiencing its worst flood in 80 years.

Water rose at the alarming rate of one-tenth of a foot an hour during the night as thousands of volunteers worked desperately to hold dikes.

Deputy city engineer A. J. Taunton, said Saturday:

"The city has come to the end of flood defence fighting." "Our resources are exhausted and things have gotten out of hand."

"It is no longer a question of defence but of relief."

An emergency meeting of city engineers was called Saturday morning.

The drowning victim was working with five other Optimist club members to save the home of Dr. A. V. Johnson, 357 Kingston crescent, when flood waters burst through the rear door of the home.

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Winnipeg Elevations By Districts

Here is a list issued by the city engineer's department showing approximate elevations in feet of various Winnipeg districts as indicated by streets. First flood stage in Winnipeg is 26 feet.

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Elevation in Feet. Includes districts like Higgins and Main, Sutherland and Syndicate, etc.

Cabinet Holds Crisis Talks

The Manitoba cabinet Saturday held an emergency session on the flood situation, following appointment of the night of Brig. R. E. A. Morton as co-ordinating director of flood relief work.

It was rumored at the legislative building that the possibility of seeking federal aid was under discussion, but responsible sources would neither deny nor confirm the report.

Rising U.S. Waters Aim New Threat At Manitoba

More misery threatened southern Manitoba Saturday. A brand-new flood menace from the United States was predicted. Engineers at Grand Forks stated the Red river of the North rose swiftly overnight in front of a crest expected Monday.

Their prediction came as residents of Pembina, just across the border, started coping with fresh flood conditions.

At the same time, local flood waters rose again throughout the Red river valley of Manitoba. The rise varied from two feet at Gardenton, 20 miles east of Dominion City, to seven inches here.

The northern Red went on its fresh rampage as heavy rains lashed the border country. At Crookston, vital point in relation to Manitoba floods, the new rise was one-tenth of a foot per hour.

Ninety families at Pembina, ready to return to the homes they left six weeks ago, were compelled to stay in their temporary quarters because of the new flood.

Helicopters and other emergency flood equipment were out again evacuating stranded residents.

A Canadian Pacific train brought 35 persons from McTavish to Winnipeg at five a.m. Saturday. It was expected 100 more would leave the town and its surroundings as waters continued their encroachment.

Heavy winds made the flood waters, which extend across the bottom of the province, resemble a huge choppy lake. Evacuations from hamlets and outlying areas were hampered and in some cases stopped altogether. Red Cross authorities and the army called a halt to activities when conditions endangered lives.

A Canadian National supply train was held up Saturday. See COUNTRY FLOODS Page 8

Suburbs Criticize Govt.

A majority of spokesmen for Greater Winnipeg municipalities Saturday were critical of the provincial government's flood-aid programme.

Although there was a limited feeling the province had done the best it could, the general opinion was its assistance had been too little and too late.

Acting Mayor C. E. Simonite believed the province could have "put forth a greater effort. If I'd been in their position I'd have strained every effort possible to assist municipalities."

The acting mayor added he thought the province "has a hold on the situation now and intends to do something about it."

Mayor J. L. Bodie, of East Kildonan, asserted that if the province had taken appropriate action "two or three weeks ago when it was known a flood was coming, much more could have been done" to save losses now being incurred.

Mayor E. F. Bois, of St. Vital, said he had sent a wire to Premier D. L. Campbell about a week ago. See PROTESTS Page 6

Mass Evacuation From Winnipeg May Be Needed

An emergency session of Winnipeg's city council was told Saturday that the city will be faced with a "major evacuation job" as a result of still-rising flood waters.

J. W. Sanger, general manager of city hydro, suggested that all city employers make arrangements for their own staffs in order to relieve the now overburdened Red Cross.

"It will likely take a national organization to handle evacuation, not only for the people of Winnipeg, but outside the city also," he declared.

A special city committee, consisting of civic department heads, was formed under the direction of W. D. Hurst, city engineer, to handle the entire city flood problem.

It was decided that the city's emergency housing registry be organized to handle the problem of finding shelters for homeless flood-victims. This will be done in co-operation with the Red Cross.

It was also decided to request that city stores remain open during the week-end in case of urgent need for flood supplies.

City Authorities Issue Warning

Important announcement by the city engineer and the manager of the city of Winnipeg hydro electric system to the citizens of Winnipeg:

1. The public is warned that all previous estimates of the flood level in the Red River are likely to be exceeded. The city engineer and the hydro manager are making preparations to protect municipal properties based on a river elevation at James avenue of 27 feet above datum.

2. The public is advised to prepare immediately to raise any electrical equipment or any other moveable property that might be damaged at least to an elevation of 29 feet above datum.

3. The public is warned that it is very dangerous to stand in water and handle live flexible electrical cords.

4. The public is advised that as flood levels increase in the Red River the difficulties of discharging sewage from buildings become much greater.

5. The public is warned that there is always the possibility of the failure of a dike to hold flood waters. In the event of a break of a dike the public will be warned by repeated three blast signals from the siren on the Free Press building.

Free Press Siren To Sound Alarm

In view of existing rain and flood conditions arrangements have been made with the Free Press by the city engineer's department and also the municipalities of St. Boniface and Fort Garry that in the event of any further flood-emergency or disaster threatening Greater Winnipeg the Free Press siren will be sounded to arouse residents.

The warning signal will be three long blasts on the siren repeated at two minute intervals. On hearing the siren citizens should immediately check their basements and maintain watch while the danger period exists.

They should also tune in to the local radio stations for exact details of developments. During the past few days municipal officers have been swamped with phone calls as a result of false rumors. Accordingly, the above system has been adopted to ensure an advance warning when it is required and thus keep municipal phones clear.

These instructions were issued Friday night and were carried out when conditions arose with the bursting of dikes in Greater Winnipeg.

Small Talk



"Am I too late?"

Libraries Lend 234,196 Fiction Works During Year; Biographies Place Second

BY ANN CUNNINGHAM To buy, or borrow, books? This dilemma of the reading public is being solved by the pocket book.

Evacuations In St. Boniface

Immediate evacuation of all homes in the low-lying area north of Provencher avenue to Whittier park in St. Boniface, was ordered at 2.20 a.m. by Joseph Bibeau, St. Boniface engineer.

Worker Sent To Hospital, Struck Down By Bulldozer

John Falk, of 372 Qu'Appelle avenue, was hit by a bulldozer, Friday night, while working on the dikes at Lyndale avenue, but examination at St. Boniface hospital revealed there were no fractures.

Ridiculous' Says St. James Chief Of Speed Charge

Adverse reports about the manner after-party drivers from the R.C.A.F. station speeded down Sharpe boulevard drew sharp criticism from chief of the St. James police, D. MacDonald, Thursday.

Smash-And-Grab Thieves Busy

Smash-and-grab thieves were busy during the early hours of Saturday, breaking front window panes of two jewelry stores in different sections of the city.

PPCLI Marks Battle's Anniversary

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry were out in force at the Highwaysmen Friday night for the 35th annual dinner marking the Battle of Friessburg, May 8, 1915.

Cloudy, Cold Is Prospect For Week-End

The disastrous storm which passed over the Red River area since Thursday is now moving off to the northwest, but the weatherman could promise no clear weather for at least 48 hours.

B.C. Prepares Defence

VANCOUVER, May 6 (CP)—Floods—all potential at the moment—were worrying three areas of the Pacific northwest Saturday.

Bobby-Soxers' 'Number One' Here May 11-16

The "velvet top" Melvin Howard Torrie will be heard at the Cafe Don Carlos May 11 to 16.

BOY, 8, DROWNED

MOUNT FOREST, Ont., May 6 (CP)—Teddy Parks, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parks, was drowned in the Saugenee river here late Friday when he tumbled into about 30 feet of water. The lad had been fishing.



Shown in the top picture are members of the C.N.R. Rouge shops team being congratulated by Elliott Wilson, deputy minister of labor, upon their winning of the Waugh shield at the finals held at St. John house recently.

200 Evacuated In Scotia Area

Approximately 200 persons have been evacuated from the flood-stricken area between Scotia street and Armstrong avenue in West Kildonan, B. J. Baxter, municipal engineer, told the Free Press Saturday.

Dikes Give Way In Fort Garry

Residents of the Wildwood district, Fort Garry, had been evacuated Saturday. A dike which was hastily thrown up Friday along South Drive, Fort Garry, gave way before giant waves near Willow avenue.

St. Norbert Cut Off As Water Rises

St. Norbert was isolated Saturday. The town was cut off from the south by more than two feet of water on highway 75, immediately south of La Salle bridge.

Beach Track Wash-Out Cancels Special Train

The Canadian National railway's special train to Grand and Victoria beaches has been cancelled due to a wash-out on the Victoria Beach subdivision, railway officials announced Saturday.

Heat Cut Temporarily

Private central heating company officials said Saturday they did not anticipate a general shutdown of steam-heating services in residential areas.

Point Douglas Break-Through Swamps Cellars During Night

Collapse during early morning service, A. H. Harris, plant manager said early this morning. Flood waters would have to rise at least another two feet before they could threaten operation.

Arrange Care For Dog Victims

Dogs stranded in flood-stricken Morris are to be afforded every facility by three large organizations, it was learned Friday night.

Historic Letters Show First Plan To Form Pioneer College, School

Letters outlining preliminary negotiations for the founding of St. John's college school and Rupert's Land school have been unearthed at the Hudson's Bay company post at Fort Chipewyan.

In City On Unesco Tour, Italian Studies Education

The people of Italy are seeking better education and training for the country's youth, Dr. Amos Nannini said here Friday.

Red Cross Giving Help Round The Clock

The Red Cross is working night and day doing everything humanly possible to meet this tragic situation, R. G. B. Dickson, president of the Manitoba division said late Friday.

Personnel Men To Discuss How To Work With A Boss

Employer-employee relations will get a thorough airing when personnel experts including two from Chicago, get together May 12 at the seventh annual conference of the Personnel association of Greater Winnipeg.

Israeli Consul Arrives Sunday, Speaks At Night

The recently-appointed Israeli consul-general to Canada, Avraham Harman, will arrive in Winnipeg Sunday to address a mass rally at the auditorium at 8.30 p.m., celebrating the second anniversary of the birth of the state of Israel.

Three DUKWS On Way

LONDON, Ont., May 6 (CP)—Three "DUKWS" army amphibious vehicles, left London early Saturday for Winnipeg to aid in the evacuation and patrolling of flooded Manitoba towns, ravaged by the Red river.

Catholics To Honor Prelate; Serving Church Half-Century

A day-long programme, Wednesday, will honor Archbishop A. A. Sinnott, of Winnipeg, on the fifty-first anniversary of his ordination. Twelve members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy of Canada and the United States will attend.

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Archbishop A. A. Sinnott

Archbishop Sinnott will assist at high mass which will be sung in the presence of the mothers of priests, Thursday at 9 a.m.



MEL TORRIE



AVRAHAM HARMAN



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FORECAST: Sunny and warmer.

8,500 HOMELESS IN MANITOBA

City Fortifies Defence On 4 Fronts 4,000 Urbanites Flee; Rural Total Is 4,500

Hurst Outlines Set-Up

As large-scale emergency flood relief measures went into effect, the city Sunday prepared to carry on its flood defence on four immediate fronts. City Engineer W. D. Hurst Sunday outlined the city's main, top-priority jobs in the continuing flood crisis: 1. To keep the bridges open between Winnipeg and St. Boniface. 2. To protect hospitals and keep public utilities in operation (power, light, water and telephones). 3. Maintain dikes still holding. 4. Undertake pumping operations where it might be possible to reduce the level of the water. Sunday at 10 a.m., members of the city's flood emergency committee met in the city engineer's office to review further defence measures. "We discovered what might be gained by throwing up a secondary string of dikes in the event we manage to pump the water out of certain districts," Mr. Hurst, chairman of the committee, declared. "No material change in the flood situation had not materially changed" Sunday, he pointed out. He estimated that the comparatively small increase in the river level over-night was due to the water spreading out in low-lying areas. With the army directing work, the Glenwood crescent dike in Elmwood was still holding out, Mr. Hurst added. Both the Provencher and Louise bridges had to be closed, and the Norwood bridge was partly open, but every effort was being made to keep all bridges open, he said. Meanwhile, a wire received from the United States corps of engineers at St. Paul, Sunday, informed Winnipeg officials that the United States weather bureau forecast the following river heights: Grand Forks - a new crest of 42 feet on Tuesday. Emerson - 46 feet on Thursday. "This means that the flood crest is going to be maintained at both Grand Forks and Emerson," Mr. Hurst said. "It follows that the high water level will remain at Winnipeg for a longer time," he added. Predictions of a possible further rise in the river level of five feet, made Saturday at an emergency council meeting, were based partly on the following, according to J. Taunton, deputy city engineer: "Several days ago the whole Red river valley received an inch or more of rain. This was followed by an 18-hour down-pour over all the valley area, Thursday. "This has caused a four-foot rise in the level of the Red river at Grand Forks in two days." Experts were busy predicting Sunday that it might be more than six weeks before the river goes down below minimum flood level of 13 feet above datum.



Water reaching closer to the heart of Winnipeg itself can be seen in this picture looking down Sutherland avenue. A dip in the road surface holds enough water to splash car hub-caps, although the road is still passable.

More people had been driven out of their southern Manitoba homes by Sunday than might have been forced out had it been a battle area. Approximately 4,500 men, women and children had been forced to flee their dwellings and take refuge in sleeping cars, with friends, or with the Red Cross. Some of them were in a hopeless condition. They had nowhere to go—their homes were ruined and, in some cases, their livelihoods were impaired. In addition, more than 3,000 head of cattle are in danger of dying from drowning, starvation or the paralysis that sets in when the animals have stood too long in water. Winnipeg was the evacuation centre. To it came families from throughout the south. They were split up in many cases—the father having stayed behind to fight floods. Everyone helped in the evacuations until high winds immobilized the boats that piled the south like pressure canoes on a park lake. Even before a state of emergency was proclaimed—flood relief functions as if it had. "The R.C.M.P., both railroads, the Red Cross, private individuals, a Judo, turned too and did their best to get the dazed families out. As they arrived here scenes were reminiscent of the European war evacuations. But everyone was cheerful. A catalogue of evacuations, taken by towns, would fill a telephone book. Latest mass evacuation was from St. Adolphe, Sunday. R.C.M.P. took out about 50 persons from the Re. river's east-bank village. They used two diesel-powered boats brought from Kenora Saturday. Small boats were used to shuttle the evacuees from the town to the larger craft. En route to Winnipeg, none of the evacuees had arrived here by press time.

Driven from an estimated 985 homes throughout Greater Winnipeg, close to 4,000 flood victims had sought refuge in friendly households and emergency shelters up to Sunday. The worst hit areas of Greater Winnipeg to date have been St. Vital and Fort Garry, where an estimated 535 homes have been abandoned. Suburban police forces have in some instances been augmented by R.C.M.P. to prevent looting in the desolated areas and to help direct traffic around the murky waters. A total of 290 homes have been left to advancing waters in Fort Garry, including about 280 homes in the Wildwood district and about 10 in the King's park area. R.C.M.P. sent out six constables to help Fort Garry police to guard these homes against looting and to control traffic. Boats are being used in the 24-hour job. A new dike was built along the low spots of Crescent drive Saturday. Abandoned in St. Vital were an estimated 245 homes. These include about 175 homes in the Kingston row and Kingston crescent area, another 30 along Victoria crescent and about 40 homes in southern St. Vital along the Red river. Flooded homes are heavily guarded by police in these areas. Approximately 180 homes have been left behind to police protection in West Kildonan. The flooded area extends along Scotia street for eight blocks from Hartford avenue to the city limits, and is two blocks in depth. Another flooded-out district one-half block in depth extends up a ravine from Kildonan park to Hartford avenue. All old dikes are down, but a new one has been built on Seven Oaks avenue to protect a few homes from sewer water. A total of approximately 150 Winnipeg homes had to be left behind in the last two days as flood waters rose in the Riverview, Elmwood, Lombard avenue, Point Douglas and Scotia street areas. An estimated 85 families left Riverview homes, where flooding is general in the area bounded by a line from the foot of Brandon avenue south-east to Casey street and Arnold avenue and along to the corner of Ashland avenue and Eccles street. Three Areas About 10 homes were abandoned in the Winnipeg section around Scotia street. A similar number are deserted in both Notre Dame-Water avenue and Point Douglas areas. So far no evacuations have been reported from the Glenwood crescent area in Elmwood. "St. Boniface reports about 100 homes vacant in the north end of the city near Whittier park. Residents were evacuated from these homes to Canadian National railways cars early Saturday, when the river swept over its banks along the park. By Sunday a new dike was constructed along the edge of the park from Messenger street to LaVerandrye street. An estimated 20 homes have been evacuated in East Kildonan. The flooded area here is bounded by Leighton and Helmsdale avenues along Kildonan drive. All children were evacuated Saturday from the Woodlawn avenue danger area as a precautionary move. Dikes in East Kildonan were reported early Sunday to be barely holding.

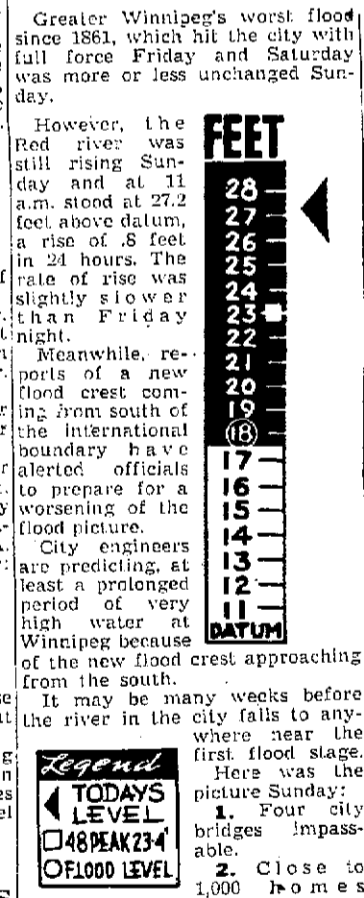
985 Homes Evacuated In City Area

Greater Winnipeg homes evacuated up to early Sunday were estimated as follows: Fort Garry 290 St. Vital 245 West Kildonan 180 St. Boniface 100 Winnipeg 350 East Kildonan 20 Total 985

Bread Eases St. Adolphe 'Nightmare'

Battling against Friday's storm and a violent current, a small boat captained by George Giguere, 45, of Provencher street, St. Boniface, took five hours to travel 20 miles from St. Norbert to St. Adolphe with 500 loaves of bread. Soaked and frozen by the stinging gale, Mr. Giguere and a young companion found a nightmare town at St. Adolphe when they arrived. "They were slaughtering cattle in the main street for food, and

Long Flood Siege Is Seen As New Crest Approaches



Greater Winnipeg's worst flood since 1861, which hit the city with full force Friday and Saturday, was more or less unchanged Sunday. However, the Red river was still rising Sunday and at 11 a.m. stood at 27.2 feet above datum, a rise of 8 feet in 24 hours. The rate of rise was slightly slower than Friday night. Meanwhile, reports of a new flood crest coming from south of the international boundary have alerted officials to prepare for a worsening of the flood picture. City engineers are predicting at least a prolonged period of very high water at Winnipeg because of the new flood crest approaching from the south. It may be many weeks before the river in the city falls to any level where near the first flood stage. Here was the picture Sunday: 1. Four city bridges impassable. 2. Close to 1,000 homes evacuated. 3. An estimated 4,000 persons evacuated. 4. Five subways impassable. City engineers said the river would have to rise ten more feet before the whole city would be flooded. This is not considered possible. In 1826, the worst flood in Manitoba history, the water was nine feet above the present level. Water At Roofs In Wildwood and Elm Park, worst hit areas, water was up to the roofs of houses Sunday in low valley. "We are all anxious to have done whatever can be done to relieve the distress and suffering of those whose homes have been invaded by the floods. All agencies of all governments as well as the Red Cross and other voluntary organizations are doing all they can to help and we all hope that the disastrous conditions may soon be ended."

Grand Forks Flood Waters At New Peak

Flood waters Sunday rose to a new peak at Grand Forks, N.D., engulfing the city for a second time. In Crookston, Minn., gas mains broke in one section of the city, exploding and killing two persons. A. P. Hulteng, city engineer at Grand Forks, said the crest would go two feet higher than the present 43-foot level. Previous high was 42.65 feet. The river is rising at 1/10 of a foot an hour, and the situation looked worse than ever, he said. Mr. Hulteng estimated the levels at Pembina and Emerson would reach 51.5 and 46 feet respectively. The water was the run-off from the vast flooded areas of the Red river valley, given additional impetus of water from the Red Lake river, Mr. Hulteng said. So far no serious disruption of power or telephone systems has been reported. About 500 telephones out of 65,000 in the Greater Winnipeg area have been disconnected. Save Power Both the Winnipeg Electric and the city hydro reported Sunday that they were keeping ahead of the river at their main power substations. One is located on River avenue, the other at the foot of Lombard. Both these sections are badly flooded. City workers were concentrating Sunday on attempts to keep bridges open between Winnipeg and St. Boniface and to protect essential services from being cut off by the flood. Fears of Winnipeggers that there is possibility of city-wide flooding and mass evacuation of the whole city are unfounded, officials say. Even if a further five-foot rise were to occur, the major part of Winnipeg proper, at least residential areas, would still be above the flood level. However, if this occurred, the city would probably be without electricity and telephones and the situation would be extremely serious. At St. Boniface sanatorium 45 per cent. of patients were reported evacuated Sunday but there have been no further evacuations from city hospitals. About 500 acres of the Fort Garry district is estimated under water. Water was pouring across South drive Sunday like a mountain torrent and also sweeping over the Oakenwald dike from the inside. Rail Line Cut Service on the Canadian National railways line to Pine Falls was reported discontinued Sunday following a wash-out on the line Saturday morning. Officials said that service on the line might be re-opened by Monday morning as crews were now working on the break. Adolphe has risen 10 inches since Saturday morning and shows no sign of dying at present. Approximately 300 persons in the district had evacuated their homes by Saturday midnight. Meanwhile the lack of feed left a total of 350 cattle in danger of starvation. Food being rushed to Winnipeg from far-distant points. Early Sunday, three North Stars, carrying 80,000 sandbags, touched down at Steveston airport after a flight from Montreal. A fourth plane is on its way. At the same time, six navy pumps, ranging in capacity up to 40,000 gallons an hour, reached Winnipeg by air from Vancouver. These were expected and had been allocated. From Rivers, Man., 18 officers

All Canadians Ready To Help -St. Laurent

OTTAWA, May 7 (CP)—Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent expressed hope Saturday that the disastrous flood conditions in Winnipeg soon will be ended. He said in statement: "From end to end of Canada the people are deeply concerned about the anxiety of their fellow citizens in Winnipeg and the Red river valley. "We are all anxious to have done whatever can be done to relieve the distress and suffering of those whose homes have been invaded by the floods. All agencies of all governments as well as the Red Cross and other voluntary organizations are doing all they can to help and we all hope that the disastrous conditions may soon be ended."

Garson Tours Valley By Air To Con Havoc

Hon. Stuart Garson, federal minister of justice, who is in Manitoba during the flood emergency, will tour the Red river valley area by air Sunday. Accompanied by government officials and newspapermen, Mr. Garson was scheduled to leave Steveston field in an R.C.A.F. plane at 10:30 a.m.

Red Surge Rises All Along Line; Threatens Herd Worth \$250,000

There was no respite. All along the Red river, including Emerson—the flood waters rose Sunday. Most spectacular swell was at Gardenton where an 11-inch increase was recorded. Just behind was St. Adolphe, 20 miles from Winnipeg, with a jump of 10 inches. It took the waters three-and-a-half feet over the 1948 high. At St. Norbert, where the situation was "critical" about 150 persons from outlying districts were sheltering in the Oblate Fathers' home. An estimated \$250,000 worth of purebred Holstein cattle was said endangered by the advancing waters, in that area. Only bright spot in the otherwise dismal picture was the sun. It shone Sunday, and gave weather-weary Manitobans a relief from overcast skies and rain. But a feed shortage approached crisis proportions. Many districts fed stock on a hard-to-mouth basis, relying on shipped-in grain. At Emerson an improving situation blanketed out Sunday when the river rose again. Saving part of the situation was a smooth running emergency organization that missed no bets. This is how it looked elsewhere: Nearer the International border the situation appeared improving, with Emerson reporting only a small rise and Dominion City, a three-quarter inch rise. Sunday gave the following picture: ST. NORBERT — 12 miles south of Winnipeg — Situation here is "critical." An estimated 75 or 80 per cent. of the town's houses are under water. Meanwhile workers were busy Saturday night sand-bagging the Oblate Fathers' home where 40 families have taken temporary residence. The water has risen approximately 6 inches since noon Saturday. ST. ADOLPHE — 18 miles south of Winnipeg — The Red at St.

Brig. Brice Gives Picture Of City Battle Of The Red

Despite a 3-foot rise in the Red river overnight, bringing the official level to 27.1 feet above datum, weary civilians and service flood fighters managed to hold all dikes left, even though there were some breaches in the earthen walls. Brig. J. W. Brice, deputy-commander of the flood control service said Sunday morning. At a press conference at control headquarters in the legislative building, Brig. Brice, who had just returned from a tour of the flooded areas, paid high tribute to all who have been maintaining the dikes in flooded areas. "The civilians are doing a wonderful job, and have shown excellent co-operative spirit in teaming up with service personnel who have been trained in the packing and laying of sandbags," he said. Danger spots were listed as the St. Boniface sanatorium, St. Boniface hospital, the Norwood dike on Lyndale drive and the long East Kildonan dike. Aid in equipment and men is

City Sets Up Body To Organize Battle

As flood waters reached disaster stage, Winnipeg's city council took steps Saturday to organize the city's flood-fighting resources. W. D. Hurst, city engineer, was placed at the head of an administrative flood committee consisting of J. W. Sanger, city hydro manager, Chief Constable Charles MacIver, Fire Chief Dave Clawson, Dr. M. S. Lougheed, medical health officer, and William S. Courage, general supervisor of emergency housing. Council gave the committee "full powers" to cope with the flood situation in any way necessary. It was also agreed: That the emergency housing registry prepare to arrange housing for homeless flood victims not cared for by the Red Cross. That a special telephone office be set up in the engineering department to centralize all flood information calls and relieve official city lines. A trained staff will be ready to answer all flood queries at 934 321. Acting Mayor C. E. Simonite, at the same time, issued a plea to citizens not to phone civic departments or civic officials for information except in severe emergencies. "We have just been flooded with phone calls," he declared. Given Free Rein The acting mayor, who hurriedly called the emergency session of council Saturday morning, proposed that Mr. Hurst and his committee be given free rein in handling the city's flood problems. Council agreed that it be left up to Mr. Hurst whether a secondary string of dikes be built up in the places where city dikes collapsed Friday night. Mr. Hurst informed the aldermen that there were now three key areas: Elmwood, where the Glenwood crescent dike is still holding; Lombard avenue district, where the dike proved useless against backing sewers and the rising river level; and the Riverview district, where the dike also went Friday night. "We are going to try to keep the water level down in the Lombard and Riverview districts by using pumps. And we'll do our best to keep that dike in Elmwood," Mr. Hurst said. He pointed out that the dikes had not actually broken down, but that pressure of water from backing sewers in the rear had resulted



W. D. HURST

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Power Cut May Hit Two Areas

The city flood control committee Sunday warned that there may be a power failure affecting residents of the city between Arlington and the river and Elmwood because the Rover street sub-station is threatened by flood waters. Citizens in this area are warned to provide themselves with alternate sources of heat and light as far as possible to meet a possible emergency. The chief of police stated that Redwood bridge was forbidden to all traffic other than residents, emergency calls and supply trucks. City officials appeal to citizens not to panic and attempt to hoard food supplies. There have been reports of grocery stores having their shelves cleared of supplies. The city flood control committee listed its aims: 1. To reopen the bridges and get traffic moving. 2. Do everything possible to protect public utilities, gas, power and water. They are battling to protect the Rover street sub-station and to safeguard power supplies as the water works as otherwise fire protection would go and the possibility of disease would be great. 3. To maintain the dikes that are still holding.

Temperatures

Temperature readings during the 24 hour period ending at 6:30 a.m. Sunday were: Vancouver 59n. 45n. Precip. 0.01 in. Calgary 32 45 0.03 in. Edmonton 37 51 0.01 in. Swift Current 29 45 0.01 in. Saskatoon 32 46 0.01 in. Regina 27 41 0.01 in. Winnipeg 34 47 0.01 in. Churchill 12 44 0.01 in. Fort Arthur 26 41 0.01 in. Toronto 44 74 0.01 in. Ottawa 43 75 0.01 in. Montreal 39 70 0.01 in. Halifax 49 53

War End Anniversary

OTTAWA, May 7 (CP) — Sunday is the anniversary of the ending of war in Europe. Just five years ago — May 7, 1945 — the final peace terms were signed in a little red schoolhouse in France.

OTTAWA PROMISES AID

Prompt Reply To Plea

BY HUGH BOYD
Ottawa, May 8 (Special)—The appeal of the Manitoba government for financial aid to cope with the Red river flood disaster had a prompt response from Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent Monday. The prime minister pledged the assistance sought in a statement to the house of commons.

He said he was in full agreement with a letter from Premier Douglas Campbell, brought to a special meeting of cabinet by Hon. Stuart Garson, minister of justice, who flew back to the national capital with the message.

While asking for federal aid, the Manitoba government did not suggest any formula at this time. The amount could be discussed later. At the moment, what was sought was an assurance that the federal government would be ready to share in the ultimate cost of the flood damage in greater Winnipeg and along the valley.

Mr. Campbell also said that the province meanwhile was getting everything it was asking for in the way of immediate physical aid in fighting the flood.

The cabinet met immediately on Mr. Garson's return from Winnipeg. It heard his report and discussed the letter he had brought from the Manitoba premier. Also before the cabinet was the sudden Rimouski fire disaster. This likewise was dealt with in the prime minister's statement as the commons met Monday afternoon.

St. Laurent Answer
Following is the text of the telegram requested Prime Minister St. Laurent to Premier Douglas Campbell as read to the Commons Monday afternoon:

Immediately upon his return to Ottawa the Honourable Stuart Garson delivered to me your letter of May 7, 1950, outlining the present position with regard to the serious floods in the Red River Valley in your province. We are glad that all of the federal agencies and authorities in your province have been extending to you any assistance which you required since this is what they had been instructed to do.

We have been following the development of this flood
See ST. LAURENT Page 6

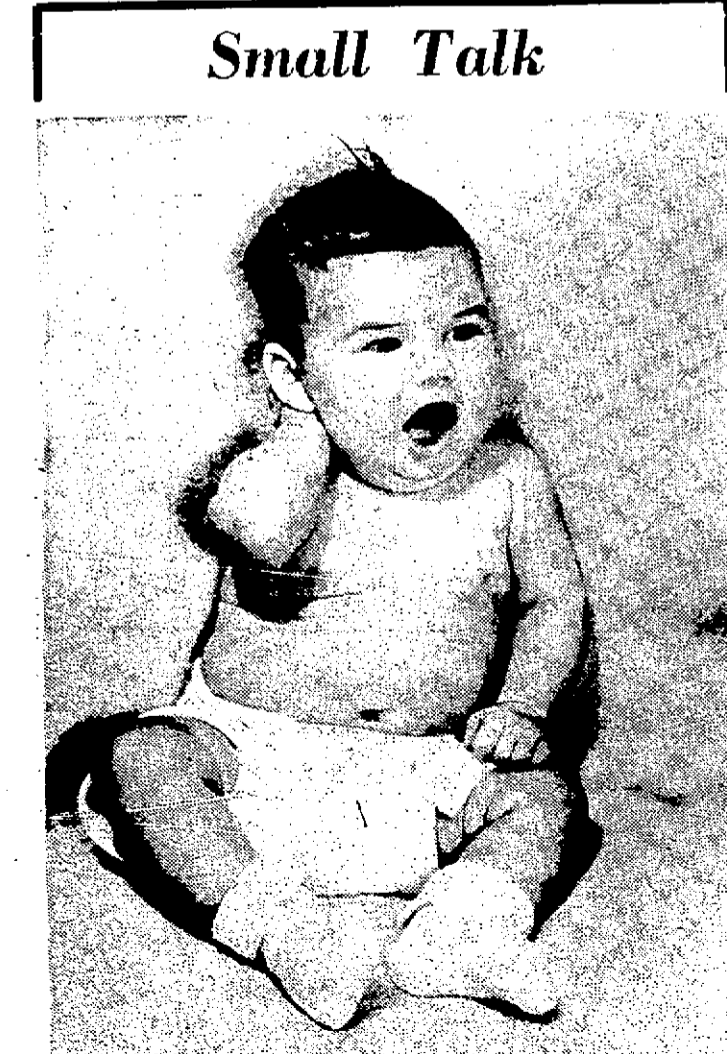


The Last Stand

The Lyndale drive area of Norwood, shown here from the air is still dry, but only because thousands of volunteer workers (right) and a million dollars' worth of machinery have been thrown into the fight to keep back the Red river at this point. Flood fighters from all parts of Greater Winnipeg are pouring into the danger spot day and night. If the mile-long dike collapses, a torrent of river water will rush in among all the houses, pictured and flood an even larger area as well. Flood fighting headquarters estimates water up to 12 feet deep will cover this district if the dikes collapsed. The epic battle is going on 24 hours a day. All householders have been advised to leave. Last remaining women and children pulled out Sunday night.



'National Emergency' Status, Federal Financial Aid Sought



"Oh boy! Are those sandbags ever heavy!"
See AID BOUGHT Page 6

The Manitoba government Monday requested Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent to declare Red river valley floods a national emergency and extend federal financial assistance commensurate with the province's needs.

The request was made in a letter from Premier D. L. Campbell to the prime minister, and carried to Ottawa Sunday night by Hon. Stuart Garson, federal minister of justice.

Following is the text of a statement issued by the premier's office:

"An announcement is being made by the prime minister in the house of commons this afternoon that he has replied to Premier Campbell's letter of yesterday, which asked for federal financial assistance arising from the flood emergency to the effect that:

"1. The federal government recognize the state of emergency.
"2. Federal financial aid be extended to Manitoba on terms to be arranged by negotiation."

Premier Campbell simultaneously released copies of the letter he had written to Prime Minister St. Laurent.

The letter noted that Manitoba floods now covered an area 70 miles long and from five to 30 miles wide from the U.S. boundary to Lake Winnipeg.

"The situation took such a sudden turn for the worse late last Friday afternoon as to indicate the necessity of immediate action to evacuate two hospitals and two large residential areas."

"In spite of all efforts, however, the situation became not only serious but critical last Friday... resulting in my declaring a state of emergency and asking the army to assume over-all charge of all flood relief activity."

"The situation was 'still critical' and expenditures would be so large as to be beyond the capacity of individuals, organizations, municipalities and even the provincial government to assume."

"Under these circumstances," Premier Campbell wrote, "and

Temperatures

Temperature readings during the 24-hour period ending at 6:30 p.m. Monday were:

	Min.	Max.	Freq.
Vancouver	39	52	50
Calgary	27	44	34
Edmonton	21	34	24
Swift Current	22	46	34
Saskatoon	34	55	46
Regina	32	46	34
Brandon	30	46	34
WINNIPEG	32	58	46
Port Arthur	23	47	34
Toronto	27	49	34
Ottawa	25	52	34
Montreal	26	54	34
Hallifax	28	54	34

'Keep Radios Turned On'

Brig. R. E. A. Morton, flood control director, Monday asked all citizens to keep their radios tuned to Winnipeg stations for hour-by-hour instructions. All official news and messages, he said, would be broadcast as quickly as necessary.

Morton Warns Of Deluge If Major Dikes Break

The army Sunday night warned 1,450 residents in low-lying sections of Norwood and East Kildonan municipalities to get out at once because dikes holding back the storming Red river might break at any time.

Brig. R. E. A. Morton, controller of flood relief in the Red River valley, said water 12 feet deep might pour over the two sections of Greater Winnipeg.

More Rain Ahead For Flood Areas

Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent in the house of commons announces federal flood aid for Manitoba. The prime minister's statement followed an appeal from the Manitoba flood control committee which was flown to Ottawa by Hon. Stuart Garson after a personal survey of situation here.

Here are the basic facts in Winnipeg's flood picture today:

The river is still rising. It was 27.9 feet above datum at 1 p.m. This is a rise of .7 feet in 24 hours.

Rainfall is predicted by the weather bureau.

A new flood crest is approaching from the south.

Although dikes in threatened areas were holding at noon, authorities warned they might go out at any time with heavy rain.

City workmen are fighting to keep transportation, communications and power in operation.

The threat to these essential services becomes more serious hourly.

City officials have estimated a probable high of 30 feet above datum if heavy rain should occur.

Evacuation of threatened and flooded homes was still in progress Monday.

Four miles of dikes holding in St. Boniface. Most residents in Lyndale drive are evacuated.

A 100-yard dike is holding back water on Seven Oaks avenue for evacuation purposes. Boat evacuations carried out in Scotia area.

A dike, 2,000 feet long, is holding back the river along Kildonan drive, but water was trickling through sandbags and dirt in several places.

Mass evacuation made on east side of St. Anne's road and south of Ferry road.

City and suburban hospitals in flooded areas are carrying on mass evacuation of patients. Only emergency cases are to be accepted at those hospitals in operation.

All city schools were closed Monday. However, half of the schools are to reopen Tuesday.

City police have organized a boat patrol for flooded sections.

Flood control authorities have ordered all available city laborers from all departments to join the flood fight.

No immediate danger seen to the city's water supply.

More than 1,000 servicemen are now flood-fighting in Greater Winnipeg.

Another 250 persons have been evacuated from low-lying areas of St. Mary's road between St. Vital and the St. Boniface sanatorium. Brig. R. E. A. Morton, flood control director, announced Monday.

Greater Winnipeg police forces have been asked by the flood control committee to take "severe action" against crowding by sightseers.

Four bridges were closed Monday morning — Norwood, Provencher, Louise and Elm Park. Redwood bridge is restricted to area residents and flood-fighting vehicles. Emergency trucks were allowed over Norwood bridge.

Four subways were completely closed at 11 a.m. Monday — Annabella street, Sutherland avenue and Higgins, Osborne, and McPhillips. Detour possible around Osborne subway.

Building of \$10,000 approach to Provencher bridge authorized by Acting Mayor C. E. Simonite. Bridge may be reopened by Tuesday night.

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Waters Inch Westward In Riverview District

Ominous flood waters blanketing the eastern quarter of the Riverview district were slowly but surely inching westward in the area bounded by Ashland and Brandon avenues Monday morning.

From Ashland to Maplewood avenues the water had crept as far as Fisher street. Farther north, between Bartlet and Brandon avenues, the ground was covered to Casey street.

The Red Cross emergency centre situated at the water's edge on Morley avenue was operating a ferry service for evacuated residents wishing to pick up extra belongings from their homes.

"We've got most of the people out now," said volunteer L. Armstrong, 486 Jubilee avenue. "Still some on Bartlet, though."

"When the water rushed into those streets the people just up and ran," one elderly worker said.

Patrol boats worked in shifts all through Sunday night, Mr. Armstrong told the Free Press. He said the area had been thoroughly policed.

Dike work was still going on at the foot of Brandon avenue. A. T. Wardell of 399 Brandon avenue said 50 volunteers had worked through the night strengthening the wall. He said the dike wall was strong enough to hold.

"What we need is a couple of bulldozers to close in the area facing the old Brandon avenue airport," he said.

The water-surrounded King Edward and King George hospitals at the foot of Morley avenue reported all except 14 patients at King George evacuated. Two of these patients are in iron lungs. Hospital authorities said everything possible was being done for their safety.

City Rushes \$10,000 Plan To Hold St. Boniface Link

In an effort to maintain links between Winnipeg and St. Boniface, Acting Mayor C. E. Simonite Monday authorized the building of a \$10,000 approach to the flood-closed Provencher bridge.

With city crews mobilized on the job, it is hoped the bridge will be open again by Tuesday night.

It will take some 2,000 cubic yards of rock and about 100 trucks to rush the job through in time, according to A. J. Taunton, deputy city engineer.

Next bridge job to be tackled will be the Norwood bridge, Mr. Taunton revealed.

However, only smaller-sized vehicles, and not buses, will be allowed through if a ramp is constructed at the Norwood bridge site, he told the city's flood control committee at a meeting Monday morning.

In the meantime, city crews are concentrating on trying to pump the river waters out in the Norwood bridge area.

Every effort is also being made to reclaim the Lombard avenue area in the downtown district, flooded when the city dike there could not hold up to pressure of sewer and river waters.

Half City Schools Are Closed Down

The Winnipeg school board has announced that some schools will be opened Tuesday. Those closed include:

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Aberdeen Nos. 1, 2 and 3.
Cecil Rhodes, Nos. 1 and 2.
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Fort Rouge
Glenelm
Greenway Nos. 1 and 2.
Hugh John Macdonald
Kelvin High
King Edward No. 2.
Knowles School for Boys

Laura Secord
La Verendrye
Lord Nelson
Lord Roberts Nos. 1 and 2.
Luxton
Machray No. 1.
Montcalm
Mulvey
Principal Sparling
Ralph Brown
Riverview
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Rockwood
St. John's Technical high
St. Joseph's
Somerset
Strathcona
Wellington
Weston
Wolseley

Salvation Army Moves H.Q. To The Citadel

The Salvation Army flood relief programme has reached such proportions that their headquarters had to be moved to a larger centre.

"We have established our base at the Citadel, at the corner of Rupert and King," Major W. F. Ross stated Monday. "Our former quarters in the Phoenix building were far too small to meet this emergency."

"At present 10 mobile units are working in the Norwood and St. Boniface districts. Our main work Sunday was at the bridge head in Norwood. The whole of Fort Rouge is being patrolled by our workers."

"We cannot begin to keep up with the demand for sandwiches," he said. He expressed his appreciation of Red Cross efforts to keep the workers supplied.

A Salvation Army worker has set up a loud speaker at the corner of Morley and Casey, and is directing relief traffic in that area.

COMMUNITY CHEST TALK
Harold D. Barbour, executive director of the Greater Winnipeg Community Chest, will be guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the St. James Kiwanis club at 5:55 p.m. Tuesday in Moore's restaurant. He will speak on the Community Chest.

WINNIPEG GYROS TO MEET THURSDAY
Winnipeg Gyros will hold a luncheon meeting Thursday in the Royal Alexandra hotel.



Water is almost up to the second storey of this house located on the south side of Elm Park. The door and windows have been left open.



Robert Krozak with his dog Prince on a raft, paddled around the McFarlane street district in the Point Douglas area.



Another family in Glenwood crescent, aided by a moving company employee, wrestles its furniture out of the house. Moving companies have been working round the clock to aid families in flooded areas.



This army truck, used to move furniture in the Victoria crescent section is shown stalled as flood waters moved up swiftly.



This air view shows the Riverview inundation. Patients in the municipal hospitals shown in the lower half of the picture, have been evacuated.



Another hard hit area in Greater Winnipeg, Scotia street in West Kildonan, is seen above. The water there is almost up to the second floor of some homes.

New Flood Crest Looms In U.S.; Serious Effect Seen Here

Repeat Storm Menaces Valley Flood Control

A new flood crest of the riotous Red Lake river was working its way in this direction Monday after hammering Crookston, Minn., for the second time in two weeks.

The crest was expected materially to affect flood conditions in Manitoba — for the worse.

Emerson's Mayor W. R. Forrester told Red Cross officials that U.S. army engineers had warned him to expect a 48-foot crest — two feet higher than the previous one.

Meanwhile, a storm originating in Colorado may decide whether Red river valley floods can be controlled, the federal weather service stated.

Closer to home, Red Cross officials were given orders Monday to evacuate the whole St. Norbert district.

Approximately 200 persons were entrained for Winnipeg at 10 a.m. as a result, J. A. Woods, Red Cross representative, stated.

Twenty-five families sheltering at the St. Norbert novitate were forced out Sunday when water surrounded the three-storey building.

Attempts were being made at the same time to clear all residents from St. Adolphe, which is under water now.

Livestock Warning

An urgent appeal was made to livestock owners to hold back on shipments owing to the effects floods have had on packing plants.

Crisis action was being taken all over the south.

EMERSON — 67 miles from Winnipeg — water just 1½ inches under crest height after a four inch rise in 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. — city council warned residents to expect another two feet of water from the south — more evacuations Monday.

Fathers' home, a refuge for 150 evacuees, threatened volunteers worked throughout the night strengthening dikes that hold water from the home.

SELKIRK — water up an inch overnight — town dry and in no immediate flood danger — parks and docks completely flooded.

Feed is a critical problem in all the rural districts flooded. Appeals went out to farmers asking for feed donations.

Such gifts may save the lives of between 300 and 400 head at St. Jean.

At that point M. J. Schultz has been given full command of the stricken area from army headquarters. An amphibious vehicle set out for Morris where immediate evacuation of stock was considered essential.

South Flood Grows

Owing to the growing seriousness of southern flood conditions, the governor of North Dakota was unable to fill Winkler's request for assistance.

Loew's Farm was a receiving centre for evacuees from the Winkler area; 200 of them spent Sunday night there. About 100 were from the Morris-Rosenort district.

Winkler Helps

Acting on an urgent request from the Red Cross for aid in the St. Jean area, 30 Winkler men travelled to the distressed area Sunday, taking motors, boats and volunteer workers.

Back in Winkler they organized an emergency group to raise funds, provide housing for refugees and transportation, and shelter and feed for stock.

Among 275 persons brought to Winnipeg early Monday morning from McTavish was an elderly woman who had not left her home for seven years.

About 110 persons from St. Norbert and St. Adolphe who got here Sunday night were taken to Stevenson airport where they are still quartered. The Red Cross is looking after them.

Most of the arrivals from McTavish were met here by friends from Steinbach. An ambulance and 40 automobiles will be used in their evacuation from Winnipeg to Steinbach.

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...closely from the beginning. We felt that the recent heavy snow fall in the Red River Valley, especially in the American part of it, coupled with the late spring break-up, was bound to create some measure of flooding on the Canadian side. The transformation of this serious condition into one or really critical proportions by the untimely and heavy rain and winds of the past few days... misfortune of the first order.

In view of the serious news which comes out of the United States part of the Red River Valley to the effect that heavy rains there may possibly be another charge of all flood relief activity. It is still critical and I feel that its effects are so great as to require in many cases, expenditures so large that they are beyond the capacity of individuals, organizations, municipalities and even the provincial government, to assume.

National Emergency

Under these circumstances and again assuring you that this province greatly appreciates the assistance already given, I would request that you formally recognize this situation as a national emergency and let us have your assurance of federal financial assistance commensurate with our needs. I am unable at present to state what these will ultimately be. All the people best qualified to prepare an estimate have been, and still are, ion busy with the emergency of the flood for me to ask them to give even a casual estimate. In fairness to them, I feel that they should not attempt a considered estimate until the floods have subsided. Several of my Cabinet colleagues, department officials and others have, however, along with me, conferred with Honorable Stuart Garson during his much appreciated three days here. We feel that we have a good understanding of our position in this matter. What I would request at the present time is that you give us the assurance that assistance will be forthcoming from the Federal Government. My officials and I will be glad to meet with your Government's representatives in order to discuss details of the arrangement.

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Point Douglas subway and reopen Louise bridge.

Brig. Morton warns the army may have to ask further evacuation of threatened areas.

Flood-fighters are "prepared for but not necessarily expecting" rise of another foot in the Red river level.

Several hundred more active force soldiers are being flown in from Calgary and Chilliwack.

All citizens are asked to use as little water as possible to prevent flooding and sewer overloading.

Three naval frog men arrive from Halifax: men by for under-water demolition and rescue work.

Because of possible flood fighter casualties, blood donations should rate high priority, the Manitoba Red Cross said Monday.

The number of evacuees cared for by the Red Cross totalled 781 early Monday.

Seven C.C.F. members of the Manitoba legislature Monday wired Prime Minister St. Laurent urging that the flood be proclaimed a national emergency.

More than 100 homes in Port Garry area prepared to evacuate following flood warning issued by mayor Monday morning.

University buildings were prepared for two more feet of flood water. No power lines working except in residence building.

Water lying on east quarter of Riverview district inching westward in area bounded by Ashland and Brandon avenues. Fifty volunteers worked all night strengthening dike at foot of Brandon avenue.

All but 14 patients at King George hospital evacuated. All out of King Edward hospital.

Only 10 seriously ill patients remained in St. Boniface hospital. Sunday 259 patients were evacuated.

Canadian Pacific telegraph office threatened by flood waters. Officials of Canadian National and Canadian Pacific telegraph companies report exceptionally heavy traffic.

Henderson highway near Hoddington road is washed out — detour being made.

Emerson warned to expect another two feet of water from the south. Water goes up four inches in 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. Monday. Another such rise would cover C.P.R. track, isolating the town.

St. Adolphe's water level rose five inches Sunday night. Water up three inches at St. Agathe during the night.

Ontario's premier sends out appeal to citizens for spare potato bags to be used in Manitoba as sandbags.

Wildwood residents are warned to continue having typhoid inoculations.

Special buses taking flood workers to danger zones will continue to leave hourly from the Free Press building as long as the emergency exists.

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Army Evacuates 659 Patients In 4 Institutions As Precaution

Only 10 seriously ill patients remained in St. Boniface hospital Monday.

When notice was received Sunday the hospital was endangered. 269 patients occupied beds. Of this number, 259 were moved, some to friends, or homes of relatives, the remainder to other city hospitals.

This brings to approximately 659 the number of patients removed from three city hospitals and one sanatorium (threatened by advancing waters).

Early Saturday 220 persons were removed from the municipally owned King George and King Edward hospitals. Sunday 180 patients were taken from the St. Boniface sanatorium.

Monday it was reported the remaining 85 cases in the St. Boniface sanatorium would be evacuated.

St. Boniface hospital authorities emphasized the moving of patients was a "precautionary" measure only. Dikes are still holding steady in that area.

Army ambulances, buses and trucks carried the stretcher, wheelchair and ambulant patients across the river to the General, Misericordia and Deer Lodge hospitals.

The evacuation was handled by army units from Fort Osborne barracks, headed by Lt. Col. G. L. Morgan Smith, command medical officer. Six army ambulances, one army bus and two three-ton lorries were used in the operation.

Part of the hospital staff moved with their patients, to supplement the staffs of the receiving hospitals. The remainder stayed behind with those patients too seriously ill to be moved, and for the babies in incubators.

Meanwhile, 30 men of the R.C.A.F. and 100 volunteer workers labored on the dikes only a few yards behind the hospital. The earth and sandbag barrier was reported to be in good condition early Monday.

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again assuring you that the province greatly appreciates the assistance already given, I would request that you formally recognize this situation as a national emergency and let us have your assurance of federal financial assistance commensurate with our needs.

The premier said he was not prepared to estimate what the requirements would be. All authoritative persons were fully occupied with flood relief work.

It was important, however, that there be full assurance that federal aid would be forthcoming. Actual amounts could be settled by negotiation when the damage could be assessed.

Following is the text of Premier Campbell's letter:

Text of Letter

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

As you will know by reports that have already reached you, our flood situation, which we had hoped would by now have passed its peak, is becoming increasingly serious. Recent heavy rains throughout most of the Red River Valley area have added tremendous volume to the volume of water, the area of flooding, and resulting damage.

For two or three days during the worst of the rain and following it, extremely high winds caused still further damage, making relief activities very difficult and in some cases impossible. From the international boundary north to Lake Winnipeg, an area of some 70 miles long and varying in width from 5 to 30 miles is now covered with flood waters. This area included many towns and villages of Greater Winnipeg and the City of St. Boniface. In Greater Winnipeg itself, in spite of emergency diking operations, several areas containing not only a large number of residences but three large hospitals and other public buildings, already have been in large part evacuated.

The situation took such a sudden turn for the worse late last Friday afternoon as to indicate the necessity of immediate action to evacuate two hospitals and two large residential areas; I therefore convened late that night an emergency meeting of representatives of some of the organizations most active in flood relief, including representatives of the army, the Manitoba Red Cross society, and the police, engineering and health departments of the City of Winnipeg.

The Honorable Stuart Garson, Minister of Justice, had just come to the City for the purpose of investigating the flood situation and conferring with our Government in being it, so we were fortunate in being able to have him sit in at this emergency conference.

Following a full discussion at this meeting, it was unanimously agreed that the situation had become so serious that all flood relief efforts should be centralized immediately. Acting on this advice, with the meeting still in progress and with the approval of everyone present, I asked the Army to take charge of the co-ordinating operation — it being understood that all other organizations and individuals would continue to give their full co-operation and assistance. Your colleague, the minister of defence, was good enough to approve of the Army under Brigadier R. E. A. Morton acting in this capacity.

Discussed Possibility

As you are aware, the province of Manitoba already has been receiving all the federal aid which we have asked for and that is a great deal. Practically a month ago Army headquarters here and I discussed the possibility of a flood situation regarding the circumstances in which the Army would be called upon to assist in the actual document covering this agreement was signed by me on

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would take the form of a sudden deluge. This could happen at any time.

"To avoid unnecessary danger to life those living in these low lying areas should evacuate their homes."

"This will be done under municipal arrangement. If you have friends on higher ground seek accommodation with them. Do not phone 849 232 or 849 281 and you will be advised where shelter is available."

"To prevent traffic congestion where possible avoid crossing the Red river. Those of you on high ground who can provide accommodation in this emergency should phone 934-934 or 932 561 giving the numbers you can accommodate."

"The danger is real. Please appreciate that everything is being done to prevent a calamity. However the only safe proceeding to evacuate the danger areas indicated. Don't delay."

"If you live in the danger areas mentioned move out as soon as possible."

"Your municipal authorities feel responsible for you and give this advice in good faith. They will continue to help you in every way possible."

Earlier Statement

Saturday, Brig. Morton issued the following statement:

"The Red Cross will continue to handle all requests for assistance dealing with personal problems such as housing, feeding, evacuation and first aid. Those wishing to submit such requests should telephone 31 798."

"Request for material aid such as bandages, pumps, boats, working parties, etc. should be made to the director of flood relief; telephone 907 499."

All will appreciate that both material and labor resources are limited, Brig. Morton said. Every effort will be made to allot these where they will do the most good for the greatest number of people.

"Members of the armed forces in this emergency have been given every assistance by the civilian population. I urgently appeal to all citizens to continue this support and assure them that the men of the armed services will do everything in their power to assist in this emergency," he continued.

Brig. Morton explained that an operations room has been established in the Manitoba legislative building. This will be the control centre for armed forces work and its staff will be composed of senior staff officers. Fort Osborne barracks will be employed as an administration centre.

Winnipeg will be divided into sectors roughly corresponding to the present municipalities and army personnel will be stationed in each to co-operate with civic authorities and co-ordinate relief work in each area, he said.

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University And Veterans' Village Lay Evacuation Plans

Surging River May Force 150 Families To Quit Area

The University of Manitoba and the veterans' village Monday were preparing for possible evacuation, following a flood warning issued by Mayor L. R. Fennell of Fort Garry.

W. Crawford, University of Manitoba controller, said the university buildings were prepared against two more feet of flood waters. During the past three days, water level has risen 36 inches.

The point east of the university is now completely covered, with water over 157 acres of land. The water itself is within 100 feet of the main university buildings, Mr. Crawford said.

The river has moved across the road and has filled the laboratory and other buildings with two feet of water. There are three and a half feet of water in the basement of the science building, he said.

Other buildings in the area had water generally 20 inches below the basement level, he said. There were no power lines working in any of the buildings with the exception of the residence building.

"The danger right now is that we're getting very close to the point where the sewers are not working," Mr. Crawford said.

"We are placing all the property up from the basement to the first floor, and are preparing for possible evacuation," Mr. Crawford said the water service was in excellent condition and there was no fear of contamination.

In the Fort Garry veterans' village, most of the furniture from 102 homes had been moved to safer areas. Nearly all the homes were in "imminent danger" of being filled with water.

Mr. Crawford said he had prepared a new list of numbers for his staff members, since practically all of the university phone numbers had to be discarded with the loss of power.

Food and other daily requisites are still in good supply at the university, Mr. Crawford emphasized.

Another 50 families in Fort Garry Monday were warned by Mayor Fennell to be ready to move. He told the Free Press families living in low land areas would probably be the ones affected by any sudden increase in the water level.

"These are mostly people living in agricultural communities," he said. Although sandbags were in good supply, there was "definitely" a shortage of sand, Mayor Fennell said.

With the assistance of the Red Cross and community organizations, everything necessary has been provided for the residents of Fort Garry in the way of food and accommodation.

"We have placed a large number—it would be difficult to estimate exactly how many—of evacuees in the parish hall, the legion hall and other shelters," Mayor Fennell declared.

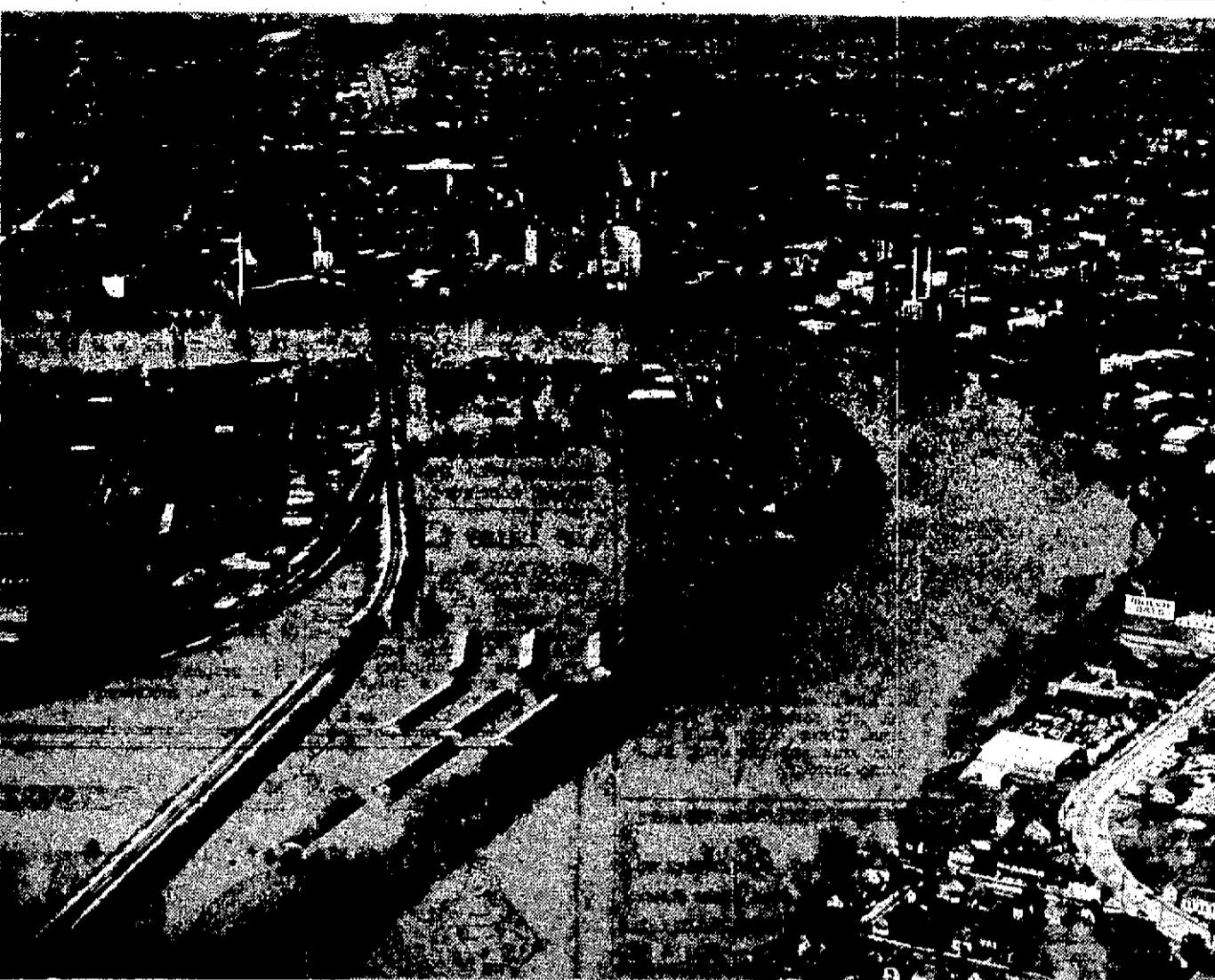
Many other arrangements had made for private arrangements and the situation was well in hand. The mayor felt the big worry at the present was the expected surge of flood waters.

"We are warning everyone in the low areas that it might come up very fast, and to leave their homes as soon as possible."

Since a large number of residents of Wildwood decided to evacuate, they had been fortunate in being supplied with accommodation and food, W. Williams, a Wildwood resident, told the Free Press Monday.

He said many flooded homes are being cleared of what furniture was left by residents by using a large barge.

"They have been very well organized here and we have been given lots of help with rowboats and motor boats," he said. In addition to Red Cross assistance, Ted Burch, president of the local community centre, and many other local citizens have been working steadily since the flood hit, Mr. Williams said.



Looking towards Winnipeg from the air, this air photo of Whittier park race track shows stables nearly submerged

"The army was out here till nine o'clock Sunday night, helping us. The area is now under R.C.M.P. jurisdiction since there has been quite a bit of pilfering in the Kingston Row sections, Mr. Williams said.

Water Supply Safe For Now, Sanger Says

No immediate danger to the city's water supply was seen Monday at a meeting of the city's flood control committee.

Every effort is being made to ensure that the water supply power will be protected in any emergency, J. W. Sanger, general manager of city hydro, declared.

He said that arrangements had been made for three separate services, including the use of emergency service on a moment's notice from the Winnipeg Electric company's station.

CCF's Urge National Plight Call

A telegram urging that the flood be proclaimed a national emergency was sent Monday by seven C.C.F. members of the Manitoba legislature to Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, with copies to Premier D. L. Campbell of Manitoba, and Stanley Knowles, M.P. (C.C.F. Winnipeg North).

It reads: "Flood conditions here appalling with tremendous losses suffered by people of Red River valley and Greater Winnipeg. Thousands of people losing homes, furniture, and clothing in this major catastrophe. Strongly urge declaration of national emergency and provision of national assistance for flood victims."

Signed: E. A. Hansford, Lloyd Stinson, Donovan Swales, George Olive, Gordon Fines, John Hawryluk, M. A. Gray.

STE. AGATHE BOY: 'FATHER SENT ME... I AM HUNGRY'

A brief story of flooded Ste. Agathe, about 20 miles south of Winnipeg, was told by an eight-year evacuee boy, Marcel, to a volunteer Red Cross worker at the city evacuation centre where he was being registered.

"My name is Marcel... My mother is watching the house. My father is building dikes. I want to stay with him on the sandbags. He said it was dangerous. He sent me to the city. We have nothing to eat. I am hungry."

He was given a couple of sandwiches. He ate them. "I am still hungry." He got some more.

Newsreel Cameraman Uses Plane, Car, Canoe To Take Flood Movies

By plane, canoe and automobile, a newsreel cameraman is touring the Winnipeg flood scene, taking pictures which will be shown all over the United States and Canada.

Warner Brothers officials in Winnipeg revealed Monday that Felix Lazarus of Montreal, cameraman for Warner-Pathe news pictures, had arrived in the city Friday to make movies of the rampaging Red River. Between shots he was helping on the dikes, they said.

Lazarus came to Winnipeg on instructions from Warner-Pathe at New York. He is staying at the Marlborough hotel.

Typhoon Warning

MELVILLE, Sask., (CP) — The town of Melville, together with neighboring Yorkton, is planning to take up the question of surveying the area between the Qu'Appelle Valley and Yorkton with a view to obtaining water for the two centres.

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Luckless Home Owners Watch Water's Attack

Hundreds of Winnipeg residents returned to their flooded-out homes Sunday.

But only to stand and look. In districts such as Elm and Wildwood parks, Lyndale and Kildonan drives and Glenwood crescent, embankments were packed with people who had earlier been forced to evacuate.

Some came back for a reason. "Stand And Stare"

Others just came to stand and stare dumbly at the Red's fierce attack on their homes.

Typical of those who returned for a reason were Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sherman, formerly of 31 Wildwood Park.

They were looking for blankets and china.

While Mrs. Sherman and the two children — Fred, three, and five-year-old Patricia — stood at the edge of dry road, Mr. Sherman rowed over to their home.

"He's over there now," Mrs. Sherman said, "trying to get a rowboat through a ground-floor window and get us some dishes and blankets."

"Need Few Things"

"We have arranged a place to stay, but we need a few things from our own house."

The Shermans were prepared for the flood—but not for four feet of water in the living room," Mrs. Sherman said.

"We put all our furniture up on three-foot blocks. But I guess that's not going to do much good now."

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Water Supply Safe For Now, Sanger Says

No immediate danger to the city's water supply was seen Monday at a meeting of the city's flood control committee.

Every effort is being made to ensure that the water supply power will be protected in any emergency, J. W. Sanger, general manager of city hydro, declared.

He said that arrangements had been made for three separate services, including the use of emergency service on a moment's notice from the Winnipeg Electric company's station.

Telegrams Piling Up

Telegrams are waiting for the following persons at the Canadian Pacific telegraph office:

Olson — Agricultural division, University of Manitoba; Mrs. H. P. Gatin, University of Manitoba; Walton, 321 Ashland; Victor Ames company, Norwood; Bates, Luxton avenue; Vera Kare, 10 Scotia street; Red Kare, 10 Scotia street; Mrs. E. Jones, 712 Martin avenue; Mrs. W. R. Wayman, lot 178, St. Mary's road; Mrs. B. Fitz, 635 Munroe avenue; East Kildonan; William Patchell, North Kildonan, P.O.; Mrs. Ross Johnson, 327 Braemar avenue; Mrs. W. J. MacDonaid, Fort Osborne barracks; Mrs. N. Resnick, 131 Luxton avenue; Mrs. M. Sparrow, 84 Monck avenue; Mrs. M. K. Caulfield, Moxam crescent; Nancy Moodie, Nurses residence, St. Boniface hospital;

Mrs. H. Hellos, 1830 Assiniboine avenue; J. Baber, 315 Machinist avenue; J. Colton, 1407 L. Colton street; Somerville, 128 Claremont avenue.

Telegrams await the following persons at the Canadian National telegraph office:

J. P. Kenny, St. Norbert, Man.; Mrs. Doris Mickells, 171 Stephen street; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parker, suite 10, Vogel apartments; W. R. Hamilton, St. Vital; Kelvin Turner, 435 Louis Riel street; E. J. Casey, St. Vital; Mrs. D. T. Richardson, 134 Claremont avenue; Mrs. Harvey Fleming, 89 MacAdam avenue; Mrs. Max Kowall, 47 Polson avenue; Mrs. M. Kovnats, 171 Des Meurons; Mrs. S. Gee, 73 Villan avenue, St. Vital; Mrs. E. Lelnick, 873 Henderson highway; Mrs. A. Melnes, 253 Metcalfe street, Norwood; A. B. Grabowicki, 450 Louis Riel street; Mrs. S. Digagne, 143 Enfield crescent; Mrs. Scott, 79 Morley avenue; Mrs. W. Charlton, 233 Oakwood avenue; Mrs. E. Heatherington, 236 Maplewood avenue; Mrs. R. B. Jones, 166 1/2 River avenue.

Newsreel Cameraman Uses Plane, Car, Canoe To Take Flood Movies

By plane, canoe and automobile, a newsreel cameraman is touring the Winnipeg flood scene, taking pictures which will be shown all over the United States and Canada.

Warner Brothers officials in Winnipeg revealed Monday that Felix Lazarus of Montreal, cameraman for Warner-Pathe news pictures, had arrived in the city Friday to make movies of the rampaging Red River. Between shots he was helping on the dikes, they said.

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All Winnipeg Theatres Shut Down

Many Cafes Also Close

All Greater Winnipeg theatres are now closed, it was announced Tuesday by the local branch of the Motion Pictures Exhibitors association.

An estimated 15 per cent. of the restaurants in the downtown area have also shut their doors.

A number of beer parlors closed Monday afternoon, and a meeting of civic officials with the executive of the Manitoba branch of the Canadian Hotel Association, Tuesday afternoon will discuss desirability of closing the remainder.

Main reason for closing of the business is sewers backing up, endangering sanitary facilities. Possibility of a power failure was also taken into account.

Hundreds Plug Dikes As Rain Swells Flow

Work crews of from 10 to 500 volunteers sloshed through mud carrying sandbags, Tuesday, at the weak points along two miles of dikes in East Kildonan and Elmwood.

Despite rains which made much of the battlefield a sea of mud, volunteers and military personnel managed to prevent any major breaks.

A sudden break-through along Kildonan avenue in East Kildonan, about 8 a.m. Tuesday, found only half a dozen men on hand to stem the leak. An urgent appeal went out over the radio for volunteers and 150 arrived on the scene in time to stem the tide.

As volunteers continued to pour into this area, they were re-routed farther north to the crucial 2,000 foot dike from Leighton avenue to Rossmore, protecting about 350 homes. The situation here was "critical" but still under control, stated Major D. A. Oliver, R.C.H.A., in charge of dike operations.

Due to the terrific height in places (up to 15 feet), the main problem in this vital area was building the dike back in depth to withstand the pressure of the Red, he said.

Rain Defects Gain
A steady drizzle was offsetting effect of the rush of fresh volunteers.

Reserve Units Ordered 'Active'

All reserve army units in the Greater Winnipeg garrison were ordered to report out for active service Tuesday by Brig. R. E. A. Morton, directing officer of flood control and general officer commanding practice army command.

Members of all reserve units were ordered to report to their regimental headquarters at various local armories immediately in order that concentration of reserve force units could be completed by 6 p.m.

1,720 Servicemen Waging Fierce Battle Of The Red

A total of 1,720 servicemen are now fighting floods in Greater Winnipeg, army headquarters reported Tuesday.

When army reserve force call-ups are completed and additional servicemen arrive here from other Canadian centres this total will be boosted to 3,094.

Here is the breakdown for the three services:
Army: Working now, 1,020; en route to Winnipeg or on reserve force call-up lists, 1,290.
Navy: Working now, 300; en route to city, 84.
Air Force: Working now, 400.
The army total does not in-

Seine River Causes Further Flooding

Brig. R. E. A. Morton, flood controller, said Tuesday behavior of the Seine was causing "great concern" and that reserve army units had been called out on dikes. He estimated 2,500 servicemen were now helping civilians stem the river's onslaught.

Further evacuations were necessary in St. Vital Tuesday.

Two homes here were surrounded by dikes on all sides following a break-through over the weekend, and water has filled up almost to river level between the first line of defence and a second dike six feet high.

A huge pump was belching out water over the dikes from behind the second sand parapet.

As water continued to rise, a small new dike was thrown up Tuesday just north of Redwood bridge to prevent flooding of homes and the vital highway connection along Hespeler avenue. This is the only remaining traffic link across the Red river for general traffic.

REFUGEES ARRIVE
More than 500 refugees from Silver Plains and St. Norbert areas arrived in Winnipeg early Tuesday.

Rain Defects Gain
A steady drizzle was offsetting effect of the rush of fresh volunteers.



Essential to the winning of the flood battle is complete maintenance of power feeder lines throughout the city and right in the front line of the river's attack is the Mill street sub-station (above) where service men and volunteers are fighting a ceaseless war against the rising water. Dikes, heavy duty pumps and other flood-fighting equipment are being used to protect vital dynamos and transmission circuits.

Crisis Grows In Rural Areas As New Torrents Sweep North

Flood levels rose again in southern Manitoba, Tuesday. An impossible situation became worse.

As Emerson waters deepened four inches, wire stories from North Dakota and Minnesota were of newer, bigger floods.

At the same time, rain and storms in flooded areas piled misery on misery.

Heavier inroads were made into the province's livestock as more beasts were shot, drowned or nearing starvation.
• Townsmen at Letellier made two large barges to evacuate St. Jean Baptiste.
• Fifty-three inches of water on Emerson's main street was an inch higher than the April 30 crest.
• A shuttle service brought 147 more evacuees from flooded homes along St. Mary's road 10 miles out of Winnipeg.
• Kenora went on a 24-hour stand-by for flood victims.
• Two Canadian National trains were plying the south picking up refugees at dry spots.
• Weekend storms shut off the telephone at Pipestone and hydro power at Oak Lake.
• Streams of homeless poured through Winnipeg en route to other towns, offering accommodation.

Business Bureau To Hit Profiteering

Winnipeg's Better Business bureau is ready to crack down on merchants selling flood-required products at exorbitant prices, a spokesman for the organization said Tuesday.

Some "shyster" merchants have already taken advantage of the critical situation here to make large scale profits on the goods, he charged.
Persons who have been charged what they consider exorbitant prices for any product have been requested by the Better Business bureau to contact them with details of where the merchandise was bought and the price paid.
The bureau official said he had received "many complaints" already.

As examples, he listed the following:
One store was selling two pounds of flax seed for 75 cents. The regular price is approximately two pounds for 30 cents. "We have had two cases reported from this same store. If he persists in charging these prices we are going to release his name to the press and radio for publication."
Flax seed wholesale costs about \$3.75 for a 56 pound bag. One grain company was giving away flax seed until it ran out of supplies.
One man reported to the bureau he paid \$9.75 for a pair of hip-rubber boots. Price of the boots at a departmental store is \$6.95.
Another merchant refused to sell a pump unless the purchaser bought \$45 worth of hose at the same time. The pump itself cost \$55. "This is a particularly unfair practice. The merchant might have said he could not separate the pump from the hose but this is not true," the bureau spokesman declared.
A housewife reported Tuesday a small grocery store had boosted the price of her favorite coffee by four cents a pound.
Other cases of profiteering were reported concerning the sale of shovels and canned goods, now required by some flood victims.

• More and more telegraph lines were out.
• Canadian Pacific service on the Carman sub-division was cancelled.
• Unflooded towns throughout
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Supplies Speeding To Manitoba From All Sections Of Canada

All Canada was rallying to the aid of Manitoba Tuesday in its flood emergency. Help came, too, from the United States.
Sandbag airlifts from the east and the west were pouring over 300,000 sandbags into the city Tuesday. More than half a million are expected by mid-week.
Servicemen, boats, pumps and trucks were reaching the city Tuesday in large numbers.

Three thousand servicemen were expected to be on the job helping to hold back the rising Red river by Tuesday night, according to reports from flood headquarters.
Arriving in Winnipeg Tuesday were:
• A total of 550 members of the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry from Calgary. Two hundred more will arrive later in the week.
• The 23rd Field Squadron, Royal Canadian Engineers, was represented by 100 men, who reached Winnipeg by special plane from Chilliwack, B.C.
• Fifty naval ratings were flown here from Patricia Bay, B.C.
• The Royal Canadian Air Force sent another 150 men from Rivers.
• Six hundred of the reserve army in Winnipeg were called out Tuesday.

• Forty men of the 21st reserve field squadron, Royal Canadian Engineers, were scheduled to reach Winnipeg Tuesday from Elm Flon, by air.
Already on the job before the fresh personnel were thrown into the flood fight were 150 R.C.A.F., 300 naval reserves, and 650 members of the Canadian Army Active.

Snowfall Adds Further Woe To Flood Work

After leaving half-an-inch of rain in the Red river valley to further aggravate the flood situation, the steady rainfall of Monday night and Tuesday morning passed over through northwestern Ontario and light snow started to fall in the Winnipeg area Tuesday.

The snow was expected to give way to clearing skies, according to the weatherman who predicted temperatures remaining about the same.
• Cloudy, and clearing was forecast for Winnipeg Wednesday evening. Light rain or drizzle ending Tuesday evening. Little change in temperature. Winds northwest at 15 mph. Low tonight and high Wednesday Gimli, Carman and Winnipeg 35 and 50.

City Speeds Aid To Its Lifelines

The city of Winnipeg Tuesday concentrated on saving from still-rising flood waters its lifelines . . . power, transportation, water, sanitation and communications. Number one priority was given to power by the city's flood control committee at a special meeting Tuesday morning.

Highlights Of Flood In Brief

Fast-rising Red and Seine rivers in Greater Winnipeg Tuesday threatened to cut up the city and suburban areas into several completely isolated sections.

River level at Winnipeg at 1 p.m. had reached 28.4 feet above datum, a rise of 6 inches in 24 hours.

W. D. Hurst, city engineer, said Tuesday morning that the river would almost certainly go to 30 feet and possibly to 32 feet.

Peak of the second flood crest for Winnipeg is at least one week away, Mr. Hurst said.

He estimated the river would stay at or near the peak for two or three weeks. He indicated this was not a forecast but was based on the trend of the river flooding.

Flood control officials said Tuesday there was still an urgent need for all kinds of flood-fighting supplies, equipment, clothing and machinery, even though trains and planes are rushing material from outside points daily.

Thousands more persons were being evacuated Tuesday from St. Boniface, St. Vital and other parts of Greater Winnipeg.

Families are being taken out of St. Boniface by train and out of St. Vital by army "duck."

St. Boniface, St. Vital and Norwood were virtually cut off from Winnipeg Tuesday. Only link other than railway from part of St. Boniface, is over Norwood bridge. Only military traffic is allowed through here.

All remaining residents of Disraeli street were evacuated starting at 1 p.m.

All those evacuated from the southern part of St. Vital have been asked to meet at the fire hall. If unable to get out they were instructed to tie a red rag.

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City Speeds Aid To Its Lifelines

If the power goes, the committee was warned, Winnipeg's transportation, telephone, radio and newspaper communications, and other public utilities would also go.

J. W. Sanger, city hydro manager, warned that sandbags and other equipment were desperately needed to protect the Rover avenue substation . . . main centre of power supply for the city.

"This MUST be done immediately. We MUST dike up to elevation 32, or else the water will prevent us from even reaching the station," Mr. Sanger declared.

E. V. Caton, chief engineer and manager of the Winnipeg Electric utility, pointed out that the same situation existed in the Mill street substation.

"Not only would one-half of the city lose its power supply, but transportation will be affected too. We must have sandbags," Mr. Caton said.

It was agreed that all equipment possible be diverted from local district flood resistance to the chief utilities.

Mayor Garnet Coulter appealed to citizens not to feel personal resentment if the city did not concentrate on individual districts. "These essentials come first," he said.

"The water is breaking out all over the city. We cannot cope with it. We must concentrate on essentials. There is no question about it," declared W. D. Hurst, city engineer and head of the flood control committee.

Chief engineer of the Manitoba telephone system, Jim Mills, warned that if the power went, telephones would also go.

A. J. Taunton, deputy city engineer, assured that as soon as the 1,000-foot emergency approach to the Provencher bridge is completed, everything would be sent over to the Rover avenue substation of the city hydro.

"But we must finish the approach. Or else St. Boniface will be isolated," Mr. Taunton pointed out.

Winnipeg Electric company gas services already have been seriously curtailed. Service has been cut off from large industrial users.

G.N.R. Globeite batteries, Lighting Materials limited, Paulin Chambers, Vulcan Iron Works, Canada Malling company, and Christie Brown and company.

A great effort is being made to keep supplies of gas going to residences, hospitals and bakeries in the city, officials said.

OUT BY TRAIN
All persons remaining in the area along St. Mary's road and St. Anne's road in the southern section of St. Vital are being taken out. This involves close to 450 persons.

Small Talk



Committee Orders City Crews Into Flood Defence Operations

Winnipeg's flood control committee Monday ordered all available crews in the city's departments to be placed on flood defence jobs.

The committee, meeting Monday in the city engineer's office, agreed that every man possible should be enlisted.

It was also decided:

That the Amphitheatre rink be closed due to flooding. This will mean the cancellation of the Shrine circus programme.

That the city accept 16 pumps being flown from Minneapolis, which

were offered by a former Winnipegger, Harry Sokal, now of Los Angeles.

That the public be impressed with the need to keep cars away from flooded areas.

That car stickers bearing the words "Police Permit" be issued by the city police department to flood workers.

Police Broadcasts

That at least three regular radio broadcasts, at 8 a.m., 12 noon, and at 6 p.m., be made by the police for public instruction on the traffic situation.

That volunteer workers be urged to go to the H.M.C.S. Chippawa to offer services.

That the Ontario department of health be asked to temporarily offer the services of Dr. Albert E. Barric, director of sanitary engineering, to co-ordinate city engineering department and city health department flood services.

Chief of Police Charles MacIver advised the committee that evacuated residents need not worry about looting of their homes. City police have organized a boat patrol in the Riverview area, and every precaution is being taken, he said.

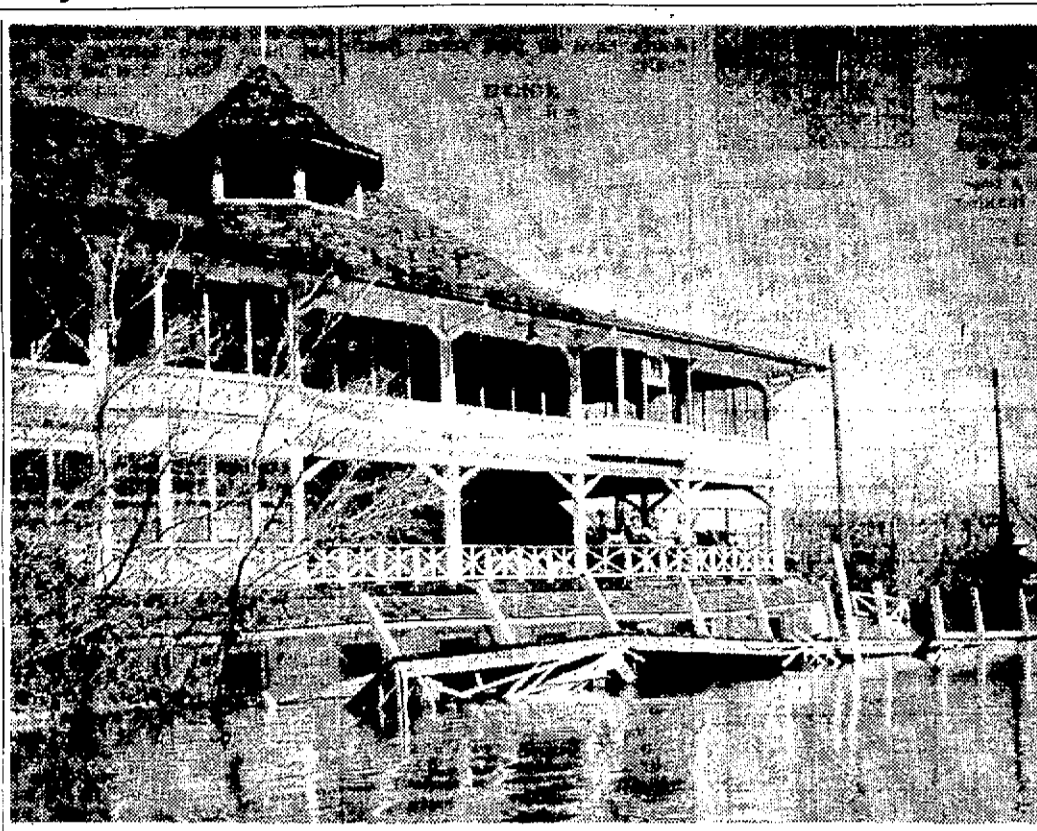
A cruiser car, equipped with a loudspeaker, patrolled the Glenwood crescent area Sunday night, advising residents of latest river conditions, he added.

Redwood Bridge

All except necessary traffic was stopped from using the Redwood bridge Sunday, and this precaution will continue, the chief constable said.

Dr. M. S. Loughheed, city medical health officer, advised the committee that patients in three city nursing homes have been evacuated.

"That was just where the heating is off and basements flooded," he added.



A boat dock rides high against the Winnipeg Canoe club in St. Vital where muddy waters of the Red river have made a lake out of lawns. Water already is half way up the basement height of the clubhouse which was a centre of operations in the Elm Park flood battle.

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Garment Union Receives Appeal

Sam Herbst, representative of the International Ladies Garment Workers union, A.F.L., urged all members of the union in an appeal issued Monday to help fight the floods in the city. There are 600 male members in the three locals, 217, 237 and 304, under the union jurisdiction in this area.

Mr. Herbst said that some compensation will be made to all members by the union for their work on dikes or other jobs connected with the floods.

Escaped POW Gives Up After 5 Year's Freedom

CALGARY, Alta., May 9 (BUP)—A German prisoner of war who escaped from Ontario only to give himself up after five years of freedom prayed Tuesday he would be allowed to settle in Alberta as a Canadian.

Hans Otto Albrecht, who surrendered to RCMP officers Sunday, said he had done it because he wanted a clear conscience.

"I want so much to stay here," he told police.

Police released him on his promise not to leave his present address until his story is checked.

Greeks And Yugoslavs To Exchange Envoys

ATHENS, Greece, May 9 (BUP)—Premier Nicholas Plastiras said Tuesday Greece and Yugoslavia have agreed to exchange ministers, re-establishing full diplomatic relations. Relations between the two countries were strained over alleged Yugoslav aid to Greek Communist guerrillas during the Greek civil war.

Hound And Terrier Share Top Honor In 3-Day Show

Two international champions shared top honors in the all-breed championship dog show held last week under the auspices of the combined Kennel Clubs of Greater Winnipeg. The three-day show was held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the Normandy hall.

Mrs. Eva Gudgeon's Afghan hound, Birchwood Ristie El Myra, was named "Best Canadian-bred dog in Show" Monday and Wednesday, while Mrs. E. Yeigh McEachern's Kerry Blue terrier, Danney's Masterpiece of Tatloonn, was crowned Tuesday.

Proceeds of the show go to the Lions club. Following are the winners in the group events:

MAY 1

Judge—G. P. Davies of Ottawa.

Best in Show: Best Canadian Bred Dog in Show—Mrs. Eva Gudgeon's Afghan Hound, Int. Ch. Birchwood Ristie El Myra.

Reserve Best in Show—Mrs. F. Yeigh McEachern's Kerry Blue Terrier, Int. Ch. Danney's Masterpiece of Tatloonn.

Best Canadian Bred Puppy in Show—Dr. A. D. McLaughlin's Labrador-Crozier's Little Black Sammie.

Working Group

1. H. Crozier's Labrador, Ch. Crozier's Tundra of Treachery; 2. W. D. McAuley's American Cocker, Ch. Stockdale Night Pilot; 3. Speed Walker's Short-hair Pointer, Kerry Kildare of Wichewood.

Hound Group

1. Mrs. Eva Gudgeon's Afghan Hound, Int. Ch. Birchwood Ristie El Myra; 2. Mrs. G. Mills' Dalmatian, Four Winds Annette; 3. F. Ruston's Beagle, Sir Elio of Allport; 4. Mrs. J. Cumming's Norwegian Buhund, Lars Fra Sacteren.

Toy Group

1. Louisa Wishart's Toy Manchester, Am. Ch. Lilac Farm Pearl Honey; 2. R. T. Borse's Pekingese, Su-Rou Tin-poo; 3. G. Morrison's Chihuahua, Agony Baby Shell; 4. K. A. Ross's Pomeranian, Keweenaw Autumn Place.

Non-Sporting Group

1. C. G. Biegar's Boston Terrier, Int. Ch. Personality's Fin The Emperor; 2. W. Boutelle's West Highland White, Ch. Raffia; 3. Mrs. J. Currie's Bull Terrier, Currie's Danny Boy; 4. W. G. Trevenan's Dalmatian, Fighter Patrol.

MAY 2

Judge, G. Kynock.

Best in Show: Best Canadian Bred Dog in Show—Mrs. Yeigh McEachern's Kerry Blue Terrier, Int. Ch. Danney's Masterpiece of Tatloonn.

Reserve Best in Show—Mrs. Eva Gudgeon's Afghan Hound, Int. Ch. Birchwood Ristie El Myra.

Best Canadian Bred Puppy in Show—Kerry Kennel Bred, Kerry's Personality's Emphatic Group.

Working Group

1. W. D. McAuley's American Cocker, Ch. Stockdale Night Pilot; 2. Speed Walker's Short-hair Pointer, Kerry Kildare of Wichewood; 3. Mrs. J. D. Ridder's Irish Setter, Saw of Wichewood; 4. Hugh Crozier's Labrador, Ch. Tundra of Treachery.

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MAY 3

Judge, H. Thompson, Calgary.

Best in Show: Best Canadian Bred Dog in Show—Mrs. Eva Gudgeon's Afghan Hound, Int. Ch. Birchwood Ristie El Myra.

Reserve Best in Show—W. D. McAuley's American Cocker, Ch. Stockdale Night Pilot.

Best Canadian Bred Puppy in Show—Kerry Kennel's Boston Terrier, Personality's Emphatic Group.

Working Group

1. W. D. McAuley's American Cocker, Ch. Stockdale Night Pilot; Mrs. J. D. Ridder's Irish Setter, Kerry Kildare of Wichewood; 3. Hugh Crozier's Labrador, Ch. Tundra of Treachery; 4. Wallace's German Short-hair Pointer, Chips Von Schwarzenberg.

Hound Group

1. Mrs. Eva Gudgeon's Afghan Hound, Int. Ch. Birchwood Ristie El Myra; 2. Mrs. G. Mills' Dalmatian, Four Winds Annette; 3. F. Ruston's Beagle, Sir Elio of Allport; 4. Mrs. J. Cumming's Norwegian Buhund, Lars Fra Sacteren.

Toy Group

1. Louisa Wishart's Toy Manchester, Am. Ch. Lilac Farm Pearl Honey; 2. R. T. Borse's Pekingese, Su-Rou Tin-poo; 3. G. Morrison's Chihuahua, Agony Baby Shell; 4. K. A. Ross's Pomeranian, Keweenaw Autumn Place.

Non-Sporting Group

1. C. G. Biegar's Boston Terrier, Int. Ch. Personality's Fin The Emperor; 2. W. Boutelle's West Highland White, Ch. Raffia; 3. Mrs. J. Currie's Bull Terrier, Currie's Danny Boy; 4. W. G. Trevenan's Dalmatian, Fighter Patrol.

SOME BATTLE HELP CALLED OFF DIKES TO AID AT HOME

Flood relief, like charity, begins at home.

With that in mind, and with members of their own families out helping others, a number of Winnipeg parents Monday sent out urgent radio appeals for them to "come home."

The boys, apparently, were helping at various flood points throughout the city.

"The 'come home' calls came when their own families were forced to evacuate."

Looking Backward
(From The Free Press Files)

Seventy Years Ago—May 9, 1880

Outgoing Winnipeggers were making use of the Collingwood line of steamers, with which they made connection at Duluth. Captain J. Wheelans, with the party of more or less moneyed Englishmen who were to be the population of newly-built Rapid City, had reached Quebec.

Sixty Years Ago—May 9, 1890

Old time fans were reminded of thrill experienced when listening to Actor McCullough, the late great tragedian who before his death had gone mad, as they attended Spartacus, the drama in the title role of which McCullough had won fame, now showing at the Princess theatre.

Fifty Years Ago—May 9, 1900

Manager Heubach, of the Winnipeg industrial exhibition, returned from booking a list of attractions for the "cent of the century" fair, which was to be held in July forthcoming.

Forty Years Ago—May 9, 1910

The baseball season opened at River Park, acting mayor Harvey threw the first ball for the opening game between the popular Winnipeg Maroons and the crack Angels, of Brandon.

Thirty Years Ago—May 9, 1920

A Winnipeg investment firm had inaugurated a new project, under which it was possible for tenants of several of the largest apartment blocks in the city to become shareholders in the block they lived in, and to share in its earnings.

Twenty Years Ago—May 9, 1930

The site of the international Eucharistic congress of the Roman Catholic church, which was now under way, was centuries-old Carthage, Tunisia, scene of the first Christian crusade—Dr. Clarence Mackinnon, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian (now United) church in 1910, was to serve there during the summer vacation of Dr. J. S. Bonnell.

5% Boost Forecast In U.S. Tire Prices

DETROIT, May 9 (BUP)—Tire prices will jump about five per cent within a month, Harry E. Humphreys, jr., president of U.S. Rubber company predicted Tuesday. Mr. Humphreys said the increase would result from a 40-per cent rise in cost of natural rubber in the past four months. A shortage has occurred because of Russia's heavy purchases, he said.

Offers Of Flood Shelter Top 3,000; 50 An Hour

Winnipeggers continued to respond Monday to the appeal for shelter for homeless flood victims. Offers poured into the city's special flood emergency housing registry at the rate of 50 an hour.

By Monday morning, more than 3,000 offers of accommodation had been made.

200 Families Sheltered

So far, approximately 200 families have received emergency shelter provided through the city's special set-up, William Courage, emergency housing director, told the city's flood control committee Monday.

"As long as the registration exceeds requests at this rate, we'll be okay," he said.

Most of the families given shelter, Sunday, were from the Elmwood area, where Central Volunteer bureau workers arranged a bloc plan canvass to give advice to flooded-out residents.

Others were from the Lyndale Riverview areas.

"Of course, you must remember, drive district, West Kildonan, and that 75 per cent of evacuees find homes with relatives and friends and we never even hear about them," Mr. Courage reminded.

Only a few families remained adamant in their refusals to leave homes, he said.

The emergency housing registry will try to avoid placing evacuees in common sleeping quarters until absolutely necessary, he added.

Good Car Response

More than 200 cars and trucks, provided by the Central Volunteer bureau, were used to help the flood refugees, according to Miss Mary Elizabeth Bayer, executive secretary.

She asked that those able to provide accommodation, telephone 835 521.

Persons requiring emergency shelter should call 849 281 and 849 232, she advised.

PAQUIN GETS ALBERTA POST

EDMONTON, May 9 (CP)—F. L. Paquin of St. Boniface, a graduate of the University of Manitoba, has been appointed district agriculturist at Falher, Alta. David Dine, agriculture minister announced Monday. Mr. Paquin previously was employed by the University of Manitoba on a farm management survey.

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1/2 tablespoon finely chopped onion	6 tablespoons paprika
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• Combine ingredients in order given. Let stand 30 minutes. Spread on buttered slices of Graham bread and cut in desired shapes. Makes filling for 9 sandwiches.

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HQ Of Red Cross Moving To Aud

The Red Cross emergency headquarters is being moved from its present location at 226 Osborne street north to the civic auditorium.

The present offices have been too small to handle the emergency, according to officials. Aid. C. E. Simonite, Winnipeg's acting mayor, gave permission for the move.

Electrical Union Honors 27 Men

Gold buttons for from 25 to 45 years' membership in the union, were presented to 27 members of Local 1037, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, A.F.L., at a recent meeting of the local in the Labor temple.

J. Scott Milne, international secretary from Washington, D. C., made the presentation. He was assisted by A. A. McDonald, local president.

All the honored members are over 65 years of age and 23 of them are receiving brotherhood pensions.

Recipients of the gold buttons were: For 45 years' continuous membership, R. Irvine, J. Woodman, A. Dusablon; 40 years, A. Harris, J. Davenport, R. Vien, A. Cichrist, C. W. McDonald, F. W. Hallman, M. A. Drew; 35 years, A. Miles, T. Careaux, H. Kitchen, R. Gordon, A. Christie, W. H. Brown, T. Devereaux, W. M. Ellams; 30 years, J. Robinson, W. Henderson, F. E. Embury, and H. A. Montman; and 25 years, W. E. Burbank, W. H. Loney and G. Roy.

BNAI B'RITH OFFICIAL

OTTAWA, May 9 (BUP)—J. C. Horwitz, 35-year-old Ottawa lawyer, was elected president of Bnai B'rith at the body's 26th annual convention Sunday.

BRISTOL, England (CP)—The parson's job was voted the most useful at a debate here recently.

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EVACUATION IS ADVISED

Battle Swings To Save Gas Works

City Is Winning Fight For Hydro

Protection of city gas works was given top priority Wednesday in Winnipeg's fight to keep public utilities secure from flood waters.

The city's flood control committee agreed that three specific jobs now face flood-fighting crews.

First on the priority list was protection of the city hydro's Rover avenue substation, now surrounded by river waters.

Three Rivers Still Rising In City Area

The flooding Red, Assiniboine, and Seine rivers were still rising Wednesday as a huge voluntary evacuation plan was laid out by flood headquarters for Greater Winnipeg.

Level of the water at 1 p.m. Wednesday was 29.1 feet above datum, a rise of .7 feet in 24 hours. It is now close to 32 feet above the 1948 peak and more than 11 feet over the first official flood stage.

The evacuation appeal was directed to more than 160,000 persons in the city and suburbs. According to dominion census figures there are 118,000 women and close to 43,000 children under 14 years of age.

Those who had previously been brought to Winnipeg as flood refugees from other parts of the Red river valley were also being sent out to Brandon, Fortage la Prairie and other safe points to relieve the Winnipeg housing and services situation.

Thousands of army and volunteer flood workers were still battling the rivers rise with dikes in city and suburban areas.

So far all main dikes are reported holding.

The swelling rivers, spreading over a large area by the hour, was inundating additional streets and threatening power and bridge transportation links.

At noon traffic was still getting over the Maryland bridge but the situation looked grim.

Redwood bridge is now the only link over the Red river where

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Traffic Arteries

Bridges

REPORT AT 8 A.M. WEDNESDAY
ELM PARK—closed.
NORWOOD—all vehicles crossing it are being towed.
PROVENCHER—closed; work stopped on the ramp as men needed at the power station, but when the emergency passes, the men will return to the ramp.
LOUISE—open to trucks only.
REDWOOD—open to emergency vehicles and residents and evacuees from east of the Red river only.
MARYLAND—only essential vehicles northbound. O.K. at noon for all southbound traffic.
OSBORNE—OK.
MAIN STREET—OK.
SEINE-MARION BRIDGE—open to emergency trucks only.
SEINE-PROVENCHER BRIDGE—closed.
ST. JAMES BRIDGE—open to all traffic.

Subways

REPORT AT 8 A.M. WEDNESDAY
ST. JAMES—trucks and emergency vehicles going through. Although the north dike gave away at 7 a.m., it is still passable.
McPHILLIPS—closed.
MAIN—one foot of water in it but still passable.
ANNABELLA—closed.
HIGGINS and LOUISE—trucks only.
BERGEN CUT-OFF—closed.
OSBORNE—closed but detour possible.

Streets And Avenues

REPORT AT 8 A.M. WEDNESDAY
PEMBINA HIGHWAY—open to city limits.
BROADWAY—closed between Osborne and Colony streets.
ASSINIBOINE—flooded one foot deep between Smith and Kennedy but still passable.
WOLSELEY—between Canora and Arlington streets there is one foot of water but still passable. However in vicinity of Clifton street it is closed.
VICTORIA STREET—closed.
SUTHERLAND—water up about half-way between Disraeli and Gomez.

Blue Skies, Warm Weather Is Prospect For Thursday

Blue skies overhead Wednesday gave new hope to Winnipeg's weary dike-building army.
 Prospects, according to the weatherman, were that the complete changeover from Tuesday's rain and snow would continue Thursday, with temperatures climbing into the sixties and skies generally remaining clear.
 Forecast for Winnipeg is sunny, except for brief afternoon cloudiness. A little warmer. Low Wednesday night and high Thursday, 40 and 65.

Second was maintenance of the Winnipeg Electric company's gas plant at Rover avenue and Sutherland street, also surrounded by flood waters.

Third was the battle to keep flood waters from endangering the Mill street power substation of the Winnipeg Electric company.

"If we save the power stations and the gas works, then everything else can go by the board," W. D. Hurst, city engineer and flood committee head, declared.

J. W. Sanger, city hydro manager, informed the committee that the job of conquering flood waters at the Rover avenue station was almost completed.

"If we get the manpower now, then the river is licked, at least as far as human effort is concerned," Mr. Sanger declared.

He added that a first-class roadway would be completed to the station by Wednesday afternoon, making passage possible.

At the same time, Mr. Sanger revealed that 10,000 kilowatts of power would be available from two steam turbines at 2 p.m. Wednesday for essential services.

E. V. Caton, chief engineer and manager of the Winnipeg Electric utility, requested the committee to move priority to the Rover avenue gas plant after the substation work was completed.

He also asked for a special 100-yard roadway to provide access over flood waters to the Mill street substation.

Committee members agreed to both Mr. Caton's requests, and authorized A. J. Taunton, deputy city engineer, to proceed as soon as possible on both tasks, in priority order.

It was also agreed that the construction of an approach to the Provencher bridge be delayed until the other priority projects were finished.

Mr. Taunton was given permission to pay extra fees for hauling during night hours.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are required for work on dikes. Report in front of Free Press building or to the Crescent Press community club, Rockwood and Corydon.



Another vital road link between Winnipeg's business and residential districts was endangered, Wednesday, when city police ordered Maryland bridge to be closed to normal northbound traffic. Here, looking south from the bridge, is the reason: Water two feet deep in some spots, covers the approaches, despite around-the-clock diking of the bridge.



A continuous shuttle service is maintained between Winnipeg and St. Boniface as large tractors pull convoys of trucks between Main street bridge and Norwood bridge loaded with flood workers and supplies.

Water Supply Lines OK Bubbis Tells Committee

Water supply lines of the Greater Winnipeg Water district are in no immediate danger from the flood, the city's flood control committee was told Wednesday.

N. S. Bubbis, general manager of the water district, reported water lines were being maintained.

"There is no imminent danger. We are using lighter equipment to ease things," Mr. Bubbis said.

Jim Mills, chief engineer, Manitoba telephone system, told the committee that any telephone troubles were purely local.

Temperatures

Temperature readings during the 24 hour period ending at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday were:

City	MIN.	MAX.	PREC.
Vancouver	48	54	TR.
Calgary	42	60	..
Edmonton	49	70	..
Swift Current	24	39	..
Saskatoon	33	64	..
Regina	34	56	TR.
Brandon	30	42	..
Ottawa	53	64	..
Port Arthur	18	29	..
Port Arthur	36	46	..
Toronto	43	59	..
Montreal	53	64	..
Quebec	49	64	..
Haitax	40	62	..

ST. BONIFACE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed at St. Boniface flood headquarters, Norwood collegiate. Wear your rubbers and take along your shovel.

Go If You Can, Army Requests

Evacuation of all women and children to homes and summer cottages outside Winnipeg to relieve over-taxed city facilities was recommended Wednesday by Brig. R. E. A. Morton, directing officer of flood relief.

"There has been considerable inundation and damage to property already," Brig. Morton said, "and unfortunately we can only forecast a rise in the river and more trouble."

Assiniboine Front Poses Fresh Threat

Winnipeg faced a flood-threat on a new front Wednesday.

The swollen Assiniboine river, pushed back by steady pressure from the Red already has seriously curtailed traffic between the central business district and residential areas south of the river.

Maryland bridge at noon Wednesday was closed to all north-bound traffic except emergency cases.

Southbound vehicles are still allowed to cross the water-covered approaches to the bridge, but, unless dike builders, working night and day, can hold the river in check, this traffic may also be stopped shortly.

Two Feet Deep

Water lies two feet deep on two sections of Wellington crescent — from the bridge east past Kingsway avenue — and for two blocks between Niagara and Oak streets.

Along the north bank of the Assiniboine, sewers are being diked along the whole length of Wolseley avenue. Low-lying sections of the avenue are inundated as sewers backing up to river level make the dikes along the river bank ineffective.

At noon Wednesday the Assiniboine water was threatening to

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Complete Evacuation Of Valley Underway

R.C.M.P. Wednesday worked against time to evacuate everyone in the 65-mile stretch of the Red between here and Emerson.

They said Canadian National railways would guarantee service to the valley for less than 24 hours.

As they worked flood levels rose throughout the south.

In North Dakota and Minnesota the Red dealt further devastating blows to property and livestock, forcing more and more evacuations.

The Red river valley bid fair to become a no-man's land of empty homes and barren fields.

At Emerson flood waters stood more than three inches over their earlier peak — and were still rising.

8,000 Moved
 There will be no one officially left in Morris by Wednesday night.

Canadian Pacific trains were taking 24 hours to get to La Riviere — usually a four-hour trip.

Upwards of 8,000 Manitobans had been moved from rural homes. Many of them came to Winnipeg for re-routing to other points.

The affectionately-termed "Express to Nowhere" at Morris came to the end of the line. Comprised of four sleeping cars and a diner it was created 10 days ago to house and feed evacuees. Water enveloped it Wednesday.

Its crew of eight was taken off by boat, but the express remains — a tiny island in a 20-mile sea.

Canadian National spokesmen said perishable goods were still being hauled to Winnipeg from Duluth via the lakehead.

The railway sent a special train to Silver Plains carrying buses for St. Norbert, cars for stock and arrangements for the evacuees it will pick up on the return trip.

Citizens of Sioux Lookout sent a carload of boats to the Red Cross here.

Final evacuation began at St.

St. Boniface, Crescent Bus Changes Made

Two changes in Winnipeg Electric bus company service were announced by the traffic department Wednesday.

Traffic over the Maryland bridge is still continuing, although water has reached the road level of the bridge.

A one-way, circuitous route for buses leaving St. Boniface operates from Tache street and Marlon along Dollard, Alouette, Provencher, Des Meurons, Dubuc, Enfield Crescent, and along Tache to Marlon.

The Crescent bus has been re-routed over Osborne street to Broadway. A shuttle service operates on River avenue as far east as it can go, officials said.

Small Talk



"Is it serious?"



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Bright Eyes Quell Flood Gloom



The sisters Bourget and Sandy ... dog days and pets first



The Jacksons ... orange juice and vitamin D



Mary Jean and Martha Frobisher ... comics and consequence



Carol Jackson and friend ... hope out of hopelessness



Judy, Marie and Helen McBride ... laughs out of tears



Mrs. W. Williams and daughter ... hot bottles and handshakes

With Homes, Possessions 'Written Off' Flood Refugees Keep Stiff Upper Lip

BY FRED EDGE It made us hopeful, and thankful, and more than just a little proud. These were our people — these 300 men, women and children who could still laugh in the face of disaster. We walked between row after row of double-deck naval bunks and felt the spirit of these evacuees hit us like a slash of cold water. It was another one of those things ... situations you must experience to fully understand. To you reading this, it may sound just a little bit foolish. People in Halls You hear there are people—lots of people—living in places like assembly halls and gymnasiums and you think: "Okay, so it's tough. But it's bigger than that. You stop beside a bunk and watch a mother of five worriedly watching over her youngest. When she turns to you she manages a broad grin and a "we're doing fine" reply that makes you proud to be a part of all this. Her name is Mrs. Henry Mariott. She is only one of countless St. Vital residents who have written off everything worthwhile they own in this wide world. And they—like she—are still happy. Happy because they still have their wives, their husbands, their families. Women Workers They were thankful, too. Thankful to the tireless women in white smocks who rush here and there with comic books for the children, small comforts for the adults, and steaming hot soup and sandwiches for everyone. The volunteers, under Children's Hospital nurse Mrs. C. Freeman, are doing a great job. "Our biggest effort right now," she said, "is to make sure these people—especially the children—get the proper foods." Meals are served on cardboard plates three times daily. The children get cod liver oil and orange

juice at breakfast, a treat of candies at 2 p.m., and cocoa with cookies before bed. Not Enough Spoons Everyone eats with medical supply 'tongue blades' — "because we can't get enough wooden spoons," Mrs. Freeman added half-apologetically. The noon meal consisted of a half-slice of bread, a slab of canned meat and a cup of hot soup. Elsewhere in the building, comic books and dime novels are stacked on tables, I.O.D.E. clothing is being distributed and a quietly efficient staff of girls is admitting new refugee-arrivals. They come in by the truckload. People with doggedly determined faces and pathetically ready smiles. People on crutches and people with potato bags of most-needed belongings. School Classes Within a half-hour after arrival, the children — particularly — have been taken care of. A kindergarten keeps pre-school ages occupied. Upstairs there are regular daily classes for boys and girls between six and 10 years. "Two men are almost wholly responsible for all this," Nurse Freeman said. "The first is Dr. McNeil (I'm sorry I don't know his initials) and the other is Lt. Will Carter (the naval officer in charge of 'Operation Evacuees')." That was the picture at H.M.C.S. Chippawa. At the Y.M.C.A. the same grimly proud story was repeated, on a smaller scale. Wonderful Spirit "The spirit of these people brought tears to my eyes," said E. J. Gienesk, general secretary. "We had one family of 12 here. One of the children was totally paralyzed and the mother was in hospital having another baby." The paralyzed boy was found a home in the city. The rest of the family went out to Beauséjour in an emergency motorcade of St. Norbert Lions club cars. Those were only two of the many evacuation centres set up throughout the city. But they were the main ones. It was there you could best see the kind of pathetic spirit — the hope arising from hopelessness — that made you want to shake every single person's hand. Seeing people like that — people who had lost everything and could still pray thanks for what they had — was something that made us hopeful, ourselves thankful, and more than just a little proud.

Even Youngsters 'Stunned' As Friends, Pets Threatened BY FRED EDGE It takes plenty to stun children. You can watch them laugh in a spot that would make most oldsters cry. You can watch them cry and see them laugh again quick as a twink. The 'small fry' bounce right back like the rubber ball in sidewalk 'jacks'. But today — in the overall reflection of what floods have done to the people of Manitoba—even the smallest of the small, faces mirrors disaster. This Time, Children, Too This time, even the children are stunned. It's a fleeting thing. You can walk through emergency quarters at H.M.C.S. Chippawa and see a hundred youngsters apparently having the time of their lives. It's only in the 'off' moments playing and you see the same thing you see in their mothers' and fathers' eyes. It's a dull, speechless disbelief ... the same look you saw in children's eyes caught up in the aftermath of the last world war. It's a kind of mute hopelessness that still bespeaks hope. It's at once a fine thing and not a nice thing. And you see it everywhere. Dennis Martel is a tousle-haired 10-year-old from St. Norbert. Monday night he sat in his third 'home' since evacuation and glanced through the pages of a picture magazine. "We're moving for the fourth time tonight," he declared dully.

City Coal Supply 'Still Adequate' Exchange Says Winnipeg's coal supplies are holding up well but blocked roads and bridges are delaying deliveries, the Winnipeg Coal exchange said Wednesday. "There is enough coal on hand to take care of the city's needs," an exchange spokesman said. Coal shipments into Winnipeg have been cut considerably by railway hold-ups but stocks were still adequate. All the city's coal companies are working at full strength, trying to get coal deliveries out to flood-threatened areas, the official said. Typical of the young evacuees was 13-year-old Della Mariott, of St. Vital. "The flood's no good," she said matter-of-factly. "Specially when you have to leave Kitty and Micky behind!" Kitty's the Mariott cat. Micky's the Mariott dog. Mrs. Mariott — a jolly, motherly woman with a "can't phase me" disposition — has spent most of her time assuring Della and her other four children the pets are safe. Perched on the edge of her navy cot at Chippawa Wednesday, she repeatedly told her brood — at least 10 times — that the army would surely go back for Kitty and Micky. Luckily the Mariott children — like all made homeless by Manitoba's flood waters — still held a child's simple trust in their parents' ability to "make things right." In many, it was one of the few remaining things that separated the reaction of the very young from the reaction of the very old. Tragedy For All Manitoba's province-wide flood disaster was a terrible tragedy to thousands of adults. It was just as great a tragedy to thousands of young-in-years, old-in-realization, Manitoba children.

Don't Turn Off Water Supply Winnipeg's flood control committee Wednesday advised city residents and caretakers not to turn off water supplies. W. D. Hurst, city engineer, and committee chairman, declared there were no circumstances under which water should be turned off by private individuals. "A lot of inconvenience is being caused residents in apartment blocks by caretakers turning off water," Dr. M. S. Loughheed, medical health officer, pointed out. City Will Act If the need arose to cut water supplies, the city would itself reduce pressure at pumping stations, Mr. Hurst declared. He added that Dr. Albert E. Berry, sanitary engineer for the Ontario department of health and Dr. Ira Macnab, chairman of the public utility commission in Halifax, were both making a survey of flood-caused sanitary problems. Robert Carl Smith of 368 Bowman avenue was sentenced to seven days in jail following his conviction in city police court, Monday, on a drunken driving charge. His driver's licence was ordered suspended for six months.

Sam Covers Flood Flood Covers Sam BY SAM STREET "There's water in the basement, Daddy." When my 12-year-old son so informed me Friday I paid as much attention as I would if he'd said there were fairies at the bottom of the garden. But he's a smarter lad than I was at his age. "We'll be flooded out," he predicted, along with U.S. army engineers. And we were. Seine Acts Up Gently and quietly, with no theatrical show, the Seine river rose almost hourly to occupy the back yard of the Guilbault street house I live in at the edge of the St. Boniface Golf course. And, hourly as well, I was busy reporting the misfortunes of others. So the river had it all its own way — and took advantage. But there was drama. It came in the form of a snorting bulldozer that turned my wife's garden into a dike. After that, to her, little else mattered. Telephone Out At the office Monday I heard the area would be evacuated — but I couldn't get word to my wife. The telephones weren't working very well in St. Boniface. Then the panic really started. My sister-in-law in Elmwood phoned a message saying the family should go to her place "if there is any danger." I couldn't contact her, either. Gaudy reports circulated that the area was a danger spot. I couldn't think why it should be. My sister-in-law's brother-in-law was informed of our plight. He took his car and started out to rescue us. The police turned him back. Went To Elmwood When I got a chance I took a taxi and went home. My wife was there so I put her and the children in the car and took them to Elmwood. The river rose proportionately with my sister-in-law's fear for her sister's safety. She got CJOB to broadcast a message which I never did hear, although everyone else did. Her name is Freda, but all my friends who heard the message got a different version. I'm still getting handed bits of paper on which appear their transcriptions — "Rita says go to her when ever you can," or "Andromeda says you're to go to her." You'd think I was Bluebeard.

Only 17 City Schools Still Holding Classes Only 17 of the city's public schools were still open Wednesday as sewage and seepage difficulties increased in the other 48 school buildings. The school board has placed all the schools at the disposal of flood control authorities for use as evacuation shelters or any other emergency purpose. Wednesday, the Luxton school was turned over to the Manitoba Red Cross. The four junior and senior high schools still open Wednesday reported sparse attendance as pupils volunteered for work on dikes. Attendance was good in the elementary schools still operating, as parents followed

Worse, the operation took place at four a.m. Sunday. I'd started work at four a.m. Saturday and gone right through. When it sounded as if the machine was taking off the back porch — I almost hoped it would. By this time the family's basement "datur" had disappeared — and the plug I'd put in the sewer had blown up. But the water outside looked very calm and gentle whenever I got a chance to go home and peer at it. It looked as if it'd have to jump at least six feet to do any real harm. Meanwhile, the neighbors took over. They diked and sandbagged and did everything they could for the district and each other. They were wonderful. Telephones Out At the office Monday I heard the area would be evacuated — but I couldn't get word to my wife. The telephones weren't working very well in St. Boniface. Then the panic really started. My sister-in-law in Elmwood phoned a message saying the family should go to her place "if there is any danger." I couldn't contact her, either. Gaudy reports circulated that the area was a danger spot. I couldn't think why it should be. My sister-in-law's brother-in-law was informed of our plight. He took his car and started out to rescue us. The police turned him back. Went To Elmwood When I got a chance I took a taxi and went home. My wife was there so I put her and the children in the car and took them to Elmwood. The river rose proportionately with my sister-in-law's fear for her sister's safety. She got CJOB to broadcast a message which I never did hear, although everyone else did. Her name is Freda, but all my friends who heard the message got a different version. I'm still getting handed bits of paper on which appear their transcriptions — "Rita says go to her when ever you can," or "Andromeda says you're to go to her." You'd think I was Bluebeard.