

SOVIET ASKS NEW DARDANELLES SET-UP

City Tip Cracks Fake Money Ring

Working on information supplied by the Winnipeg police force, the R.C.M.P. and other Canadian police forces, and secret service agents in Buffalo N.Y., Wednesday cracked what is believed to be an extensive international counterfeit bill ring that has flooded North America with bogus \$10. and \$20 bills in U.S. and Canadian currency.

The development came with the arrest in Buffalo of two alleged ring-leaders, arraigned for conspiring to print \$500,000 in counterfeit money.

The move came as no surprise to city detectives, as their department had been in communication with the Buffalo agents for some time.

"We have forwarded information in our possession in connection with this ring," said David Nicholson, inspector of detectives. He refused to enlarge on this statement, pending official confirmation of the arrests and the extent of bogus bill seizure.

The Buffalo arrests Wednesday involved Salvatore Sall, 39, and Anthony Iraci, 36, who were arraigned on charges of conspiracy to manufacture and sell more than \$500,000 in counterfeit bills.

Brandon Man Blasts Small Hospitals Plan

BRANDON, Man., April 19 (Special) — Was Manitoba's 'small hospitals plan' a worthwhile boost to better health throughout the province?

Or was it all a big mistake — a vehicle for mis-spent funds? Tuesday night, management committee chairman N. W. Kerr gave his considered opinion to members of the Brandon General hospital commission.

It was backed by an annual deficit report of \$13,333.49.

Schultz Asks For Figures On Hospitals

Hon. Ivan Schultz, minister of health and public welfare, said Wednesday that from information in the possession of his department, "it would appear" N. W. Kerr, chairman of the management committee of Brandon General hospital, "has misquoted their appraisal of the financial position of the hospital."

Before making any detailed reply to the statement attributed to Mr. Kerr, "I would like to have a copy of the exact statement made and have for that purpose written to Mr. Kerr asking if he would provide it," Mr. Schultz stated.

However, the minister declared, he believed subsequent events will indicate that, taking into consideration potential income, "there is no deficit whatever, but a substantial surplus."

"If this is correct, and I believe subsequent events will indicate it is correct, the rest of the statement is meaningless," Mr. Schultz declared.

Turning to Mr. Kerr's criticism of the health department's plan to provide hospital facilities in some of the smaller Manitoba towns, Mr. Schultz contended: "Mr. Kerr overlooks the basic fact that medical care in rural districts can be secured only when local doctors have some hospital facilities available within a reasonable distance."

"The people of rural Manitoba have very definitely the same right to hospital care as the people of urban areas, and if they are prepared to pay for same, are entitled to and will receive these services."

Vote Splits Party Lines; Board Marketing Upheld

Compulsory marketing of coarse grains through the Canadian wheat board was upheld by a substantial majority in the Manitoba legislature Tuesday night after a long debate which cut across both cabinet and party lines.

The house approved, 35 to 14, a motion by Ray Mitchell (Lib. Prog. — Gilbert Plains) to give a six-month hoist — or indefinite postponement — to a bill introduced by John McDowell (Ind. PC — Irberville) which would have repealed the coarse grain marketing control act of 1949.

The act was passed last year by the three prairie provinces as "compulsory legislation" to a federal measure which turned over marketing of coarse grains to the wheat board. Repeal of the Manitoba act would have invalidated the federal legislation.

When the house divided on the issue, the C.C.F. was the only party which stood unitedly opposed to repeal of the act.

Three cabinet ministers who opposed it last year favored repeal. A fourth, Hon. Charles Greenlay, minister of labor, who opposed the measure last year, voted against repeal. It was the second time in the current session that members of the cabinet were divided on a formal vote.

The house also:

1. Heard, E. A. Hansford, C.C.F. leader, attack the Win-

Rosenfeld Dikes Collapse



The flooded town of Rosenfeld, Man., 60 miles southwest of Winnipeg, was almost completely cut off from the rest of the province Wednesday as spring waters, running off from the Pembina Hills, washed out roads in the district. Here, water pours over highway 14A south of the town, as residents move through the flood stream by tractor.

Raging Water Hits Gretna, Down At 4 Other Points

An ice jam in the Pembina river, south of the international boundary, Wednesday sent swirling flood waters into the Manitoba, border town of Gretna. Wednesday morning water crept up over four town blocks in two hours, it was reported. One report said that citizens were out Wednesday morning to cut the Canadian Pacific railway line open near the town to allow the water to run off to the east.

Wednesday noon the southern half of the town of 500 persons was under water which stood as deep as two feet on some streets. Flash flood waters were still rising in the main street Wednesday afternoon.

Railway Flooded Highway No. 14A, running north and south, was flooded out on both sides of the town. Three miles of railway track between Rosenfeld and Gretna were reported flooded. The sudden rush of water from the river came sometime during the early morning. At midnight there was no water in the town.

Water on the south end of main street Wednesday was more than two feet deep. Emergency crews were being organized in the town to battle the rising waters.

Red Cross officials in Winnipeg said Wednesday they had been requested to send the town a boat, 25 pairs of hip waders, and anti-phosphorus serum.

Meanwhile, surface waters which swept into four southwestern Manitoba towns Tuesday, forcing evacuation of homes and cutting off road and rail communication, were reported at noon Wednesday to be receding.

Train service was restored in the area Wednesday after one day of re-routing around flooded country. However, highways No. 3, 14, 14A and 23 were still closed because of floods, the provincial highways branch stated.

Wednesday noon this was the flood picture in the Rosenfeld, Hornbush, Plum Coulee and Altona district:

Rosenfeld — Water in the town was down about one foot.

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Temperatures

Temperature reading during the 24 hour period ending at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday were:

	MIN.	MAX.	PREC.
Vancouver	43	54	...
Calgary	29	44	...
Edmonton	23	47	...
Swift Current	26	41	...
Saskatoon	26	46	...
Brandon	26	45	...
Regina	26	42	...
Winnipeg	28	38	...
Port Churchill	12	29	...
Port Arthur	35	48	...
Toronto	41	65	TR.
Ottawa	35	58	...
Montreal	34	58	...
Halifax	32	48	...

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Floods Strike Towns In South Manitoba

Demand Opens Black Sea Issue

MOSCOW, April 19—Russia's historic campaign for free passage through the gateway to the Black sea was reopened Wednesday with a new demand for revision of controls over the Dardanelles.

The navy ministry organ Red Fleet said the Montreux convention, giving Turkey control over the strategic straits between the Black sea and the Mediterranean, had ceased to satisfy the interests of the Black sea powers.

"Turkey's rulers have sold the independence of their country to American imperialists," Red Fleet said.

"Numerous groups of American military and civil advisers dispose at will Turkey's economy and armed forces. American squadrons are frequent guests in the sea of Marmara (in the Dardanelles) and Turkish airports are American landing fields."

"All of which obliges us to be ever more vigilant, to strengthen the defence of our shores, to heighten the quality of our political and combat preparedness."

Red Fleet devoted a full page to the Russian struggle for free access to the Black sea. In recent centuries, it said, the struggle has been blocked by Turkey, England, France and Austria through their aid to Turkey.

Meanwhile observers here predicted Russia will reject an American note charging that a Soviet fighter shot down an unarmed U.S. Navy Privateer plane over the Baltic sea.

The note, demanding an apology and indemnity for the plane and its missing crew of 10, was handed Andrei Gromyko, Soviet deputy foreign minister, by Alan G. Kirk, U.S. ambassador, at a five-minute audience in the Kremlin Monday night.

Air Clash Studied WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—The possibility of further Soviet-American air clashes along the uneasy front of the cold war in Europe is being carefully studied by top officials here.

They are also deeply concerned, it was learned Wednesday, about the reasons why the Russians allegedly shot down a United States naval plane in the Baltic sea area April 8. They have demanded — but doubt they will get — Soviet assurances that no such thing will happen again.

What the United States will do next if the Russians turn down these demands is the hub of the problem before the state and defence departments and the White House. In a sense American policy decisions will depend on estimates of why the shooting incident occurred at all.

Several possibilities are the subject of speculation among officials here. One is that the Soviet government has determined to try to close the Baltic, a key Russian defence area on its eastern shores, to American flights and has resorted to an act of terror to accomplish this.

Other Possibilities Another possibility is that the Russians sent out fighters to investigate the American plane even though it was over international waters, and one of the fighter pilots fired in a trigger-happy moment. A third possibility is that the Russian fighters were under orders to force the plane to land in the hope of thereby capturing whatever secret American equipment, if any, might be aboard.

The next American moves in the situation are based on the assumption that the United States is up against a new and tougher development of anti-American policy on the part of the Soviet Union.

Traffic Death Toll Doubles, Report Shows

Traffic deaths in Manitoba since the first of this year have more than doubled in comparison with 1949's figure, according to W. Trevor Davies, provincial director of safety.

A summary provided by Mr. Davies' department Wednesday indicates 13 persons died in traffic accidents from Jan. 1 to March 31, while six fatalities occurred in the same period last year. Traffic accidents also showed an increase, with 421 persons injured in 1950 over 301 in 1949.

(Winnipeg's police department lists 10 persons killed from January to March, while another death occurred since the first of April.)

General deaths throughout the province during March reached 24, while the total this year was 46, listed in traffic, industrial, home and general accidents.

Industrial accidents rose sharply during March, with 252 listed. Last year 265 accidents occurred in the province's industries. But in this category, only 193 were reported during February, 1950.

OFFICIAL'S SON FLEES

BERLIN, April 19 (BUP) — The American-sponsored Neue Zeitung said Wednesday that Ralph Kastner, son of Hermann Kastner, deputy prime minister of Communist East Germany, has fled to the western zone of Germany with his family.

N.D. Floods Drive 3,000 From Homes

BISMARCK, N.D., April 19 — Rampaging rivers Wednesday poured new torrents over large parts of North Dakota, Western Minnesota and Wisconsin to drive added hundreds of families from their homes. The Red Cross estimated 3,000 persons were homeless in North Dakota.

Jamestown, N.D., where 500 families were ousted by the normally placid Pipestem river, faced a new threat as the James river started to move over its banks.

Richard Stoult, Red Cross disaster committee chairman, said half the houses in Jamestown, a city of some 10,000, already were under water in the south-southwest section along the Pipestem.

The Cannonball river in southwestern North Dakota roared through the Shields area Tuesday night. It rose 15 feet above flood level in two hours, Robert Brunett, Red Cross official, said, and tore a community hall and

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RIVER LEVEL REPORT

FEET	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DATUM
During the past 24 hours the rise in the level of the Red river at Winnipeg and as far south as Grand Forks, N.D., has accelerated. The river is now just above the 1948 peak at this American city.																										
Morris, Man., again recorded the biggest rise. The river there went up two feet, eight inches overnight.																										
Emerson, Man., showed a rise of two feet during the 24 hour period.																										
Winnipeg level of the Red river at Redwood bridge was reported to be up by two feet, six inches. The river here now stands at 13.4 feet above datum. This is 4.6 feet below official flood level.																										
Brandon, Man., reported a 24-hour rise in the Assiniboine river of only two inches. At Portage la Prairie this river was down four inches and at Headingley it rose seven inches in 24 hours.																										
Water																										
Elevation																										
Grand Forks	821.22																									
Emerson	775.07																									
Morris	768.50																									
Winnipeg	740.97 (corrected figure)																									

Wife, Sweetheart Stand By Gay 'Time-Bomb Lothario'

LOS ANGELES, April 19 (BUP) — The wife he plotted to murder and the sweetheart he strung along with promises of marriage both stood Wednesday by his side when he was charged with "time-bomb Lothario" John H. Grant.

Dark-haired Mrs. Betty Grant and golden-haired airline stewardess Elizabeth Suomela both pledged themselves to help the 32-year-old aircraft engineer who plotted to time-bomb last Monday an airliner with 16 persons aboard to collect \$25,000 insurance on his wife and two children.

The curly-haired Grant, in jail facing 16 counts of attempted murder, complained that all his troubles stemmed from love.

He said he planned to collect the insurance money to pay off \$8,000 in debts from another love-entanglement—a paternity suit he lost in New York three years ago to Helene Kosicka Hansen, a tall, dark secretary. At that time he admitted he was the father of her baby girl and agreed to pay her \$10 a week for the baby's support.

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Sun Set 7:29 p.m. Moon Set 11:45 p.m.

FORECAST: SUNNY, WINDS LIGHT

DYNAMITE CLEARS RED CHANNEL

Fire And . . .



Bucket brigade successfully battles explosive oil fire Wednesday in warehouse at Strathclair.

Flood



Bulldozer operators Frank Frampton (standing) and Alphonse Corriveau of city engineer's department, building dike along Red river bank, near Arnold avenue, Fort Rouge.

Sandbags



Crew at city yards, Tecumseh street and Ross avenue, loading sandbags for flood walls.

Boots



Mounted Policemen loading rubber boots destined for flood workers in Gretna area.

Dakota
Fears
Deluge

BISMARCK, N.D., April 20 (AP) — Already battling the worst deluge in 53 years, Red river valley residents girded Thursday against a further rise of the flood waters, predicted for this week-end.

A. F. Hulteng, Grand Forks city engineer, said the river forming part of the North Dakota - Minnesota boundary, would hit a 44.5-foot crest Saturday or Sunday. It stood at 42.22 Wednesday night, 14.2 feet above flood stage there and was still rising early Thursday. The mark is the highest since the stream hit a 50.2 crest in 1897.

Pumps Scarce,
Hurst Warns
Winnipeggers

W. D. Hurst, city engineer, warned Thursday that there would probably be no pumps available for private use in the event of floods.

Both the city and the province, will be using the pumps to protect threatened areas throughout the city. We couldn't begin to supply individual requests," Mr. Hurst said.

He revealed that crews of city workmen are now hauling surplus earth for sewer construction projects to the Riverview district for use in building dikes.

Sandbags are also being prepared at the city yards to help protect flood-threatened areas.

The Crow's Nest issue, was reopened by Frank Covert, commission counsel, who asked Mr. Fairweather whether his company had made studies of the Crow's Nest grain rates.

RIVER LEVEL REPORT

FEET	Water	Elevation	Distance under 1948 peak
25	Grand Forks	822.10	9 feet (over)
24	Emerson	776.87	11.1 feet
23	Morris	769.50	6.9 feet
22	Winnipeg	743.07	6.9 feet
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Thug, 17, Sentenced
To 3 1/2 Years Prison

Winnipeg's "dirty handkerchief bandit"—a 17-year-old Agnes street youth—was sentenced to three and a half years in penitentiary following a series of crimes which included armed robbery, robbery with violence, house-

Ex-Red Says
Lattimore
Trained As Spy

WASHINGTON, April 20 — Louis F. Budenz Thursday named Owen Lattimore as a member of a Communist "cell" dedicated to espionage in the United States.

Temperatures

Temperature reading during the 24 hour period ending at 6:30 a.m. Thursday were:	Min.	Max.	Precip.
Vancouver	47	64	..
Calgary	33	53	..
Edmonton	38	55	..
Swift Current	29	47	..
Saskatoon	27	49	..
Regina	28	46	..
Brandon	22	46	..
Winnipeg	26	52	..
Port Arthur	23	40	..
Toronto	36	64	..
Ottawa	39	64	..
Montreal	41	64	..
Halifax	34	57	..

CNR Official Backs
Crow's Nest Rates

OTTAWA, April 20 (Special)—A high official of the Canadian National railways told the royal commission on transportation Wednesday that the Crow's Nest railway grain rates must be considered in relation to the productivity of the grain-growing belt.

7,000 Dockers
Idle; U.K. May
Call Troops

LONDON, April 20 — The Labor government charged Thursday that a spreading wildcat London dock strike was Communist-inspired and hinted troops might be called out to break it.

Rt. Hon. George Isaacs, labor minister, denounced the strike in common as thousands more stevedores walked off their jobs.

By 2 p.m. (7 a.m. CST), nearly 7,000 were on strike. Fifty ships loaded with food and other imports or awaiting exports were idle.

The present stoppage is clearly Communist-inspired and is nothing else than an attack on the democratic and constitutional rules of the Transport and General Workers' union," Mr. Isaacs said.

Opens
Way For
Run-Off

Dynamite crews Thursday were blasting out ice jams on the Red river south of Winnipeg in an effort to clear the channel for surging spring run-offs in southern Manitoba before the crest of the swollen stream gets to the international boundary.

Engineers of the provincial government's drainage branch said Thursday they were hoping the southern flood crest would hold off for another week.

Meanwhile blasting of ice on the Red is going on in a number of spots between Winnipeg and Emerson to allow free passage of run-offs from flood-swollen Manitoba tributaries before the southern tide arrives.

George Wallace, provincial drainage engineer, said Thursday "If we get another eight days before the flood crest reaches Emerson we can get rid of the bulk of our local water." U.S. engineers expect the crest about April 27 or 28.

Provincial engineers said the danger of severe flooding in Winnipeg and other Manitoba points was "obvious" if local water was still near its peak when the river crest arrived from the south. They said the situation would be "serious" if such a condition should occur.

Blasting operations were concentrated Thursday between St. Norbert and St. Agathe where several ice jams were reported earlier in the day.

Nears Flood Level

Thursday morning the level of the Red river at Winnipeg was within two and one-half feet of official flood stage, but still close to four feet below the 1948 peak.

Flood experts south of the border predicted that the flood crest at Emerson this year would be a good two feet above that of 1948 when Winnipeg also suffered severe flooding. So far the river level at this border town was still 11 feet below the 1948 high.

A shipment of anti-typhoid serum was on its way by air express to Winnipeg from Toronto. Officials of the provincial government's health department said supplies of serum here were not yet in short supply but more requests are being received daily.

The shipment would make sure that enough serum would be available during the next few weeks. Inoculations are already in progress at a number of points including Gretna, Dominion City, Letellier, St. Jean Baptiste, and Emerson.

At all points along the swelling Red river Thursday record preparations for possible flood danger were being made by disaster committees working with the Red Cross, the army, the Royal Canadian Mounted police, and civic and provincial groups.

Meat By Air

One Winnipeg packing company was reported flying meat supplies to Gretna, Man., where a flood Wednesday cut off the town and flooded one-half of its area.

Two army water-purifying trucks, with trained crews, an amphibious weapon, and life preservers are en route to Gretna, prairie command officials stated.

Thursday prairie command officers made a flight over southern Manitoba flooded areas to survey the situation and try to estimate where army assistance would be needed.

Canadian Red Cross headquarters in Winnipeg, through their co-ordinating committee has so far shipped to flooded or flood-threatened areas, 50 boats, 230 pairs of hip-waders and other emergency equipment.

At Emerson, many families have been evacuated.

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Small Talk



"You never remember our anniversary"

Claxton Urges
Speedy Arms
Uniformity

SHERBROOKE, Que., April 20 (CP)—Hon. Brooke Claxton, defence minister, said Wednesday night "it is vitally important" that the 12 North Atlantic treaty powers reach agreement speedily on standardization of certain items of military equipment, particularly personal weapons, light motor vehicles, field communications equipment and anti-tank weapons.

His statement to the Quebec command of the Canadian Legion indicated Canada is carrying into the larger arena of post discussions her steady pressures on the United States and United Kingdom to get on with standardization.

Mr. Claxton said Canada knows and has told her allies what she is prepared to do in standardization, including schedules of the characteristics of the weapons she would like to see generally adopted.

He also said:

1. One reason for delaying purchase of army equipment is that "the time may come soon when we may have anti-aircraft rockets, guided missiles and recoilless weapons of much greater efficiency" than those now available.

The other reason was that the army was "relatively very much better off" than the other two services for modern equipment at the end of the war and already had two-thirds of the 181,000,000 articles it would need in the first year of war.

2. The regular forces now have 48,000 men and all three will soon be enlisting only to fill vacancies caused by retirements and discharges. If another \$200,000,000 was available for defence, it would be spent on buildings and equipment rather than more manpower.

3. So long as "we have sufficient trained officers and tradesmen, delay in getting into (war) action would be caused by the time taken to provide equipment rather than by the time taken to train men."

4. Implementation of Atlantic pact planning "requires no major changes" for Canadian defence "because our role in any future emergency is clear."

Canada was developing two of the most important defensive weapons conceived since 1945: in her long-range all-weather fighter and her anti-submarine vessel and had ordered "large quantities of radar and wireless equipment."

Government OK Sought
For New Atomic Pile
Project At Deep River

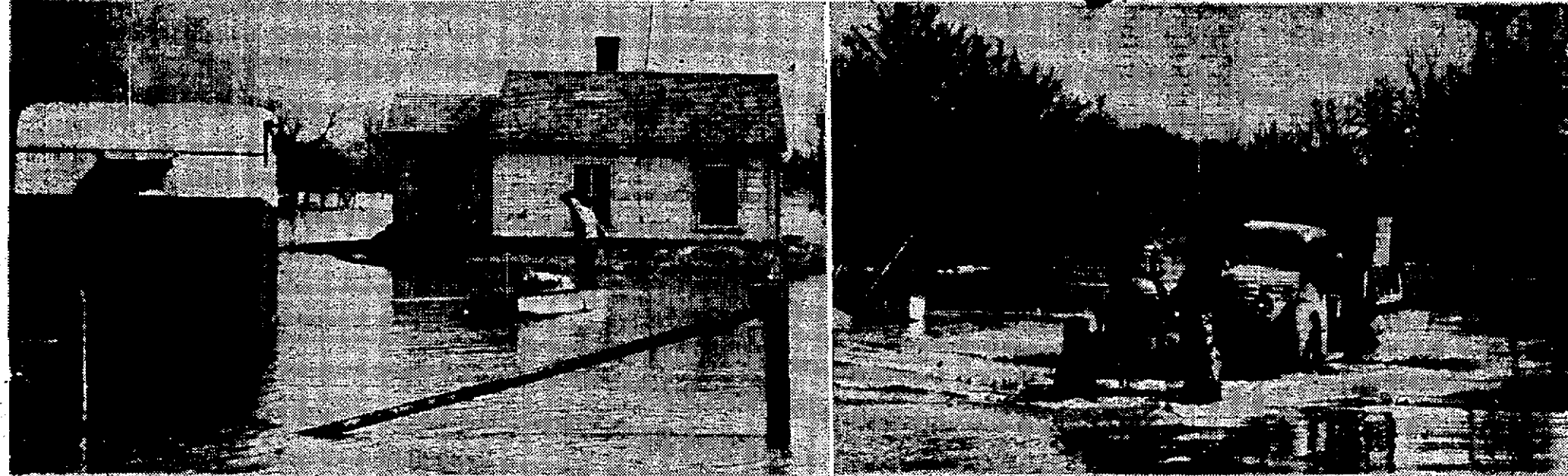
OTTAWA, April 20 (CP)—Plans are being laid for a new atomic energy plant at Deep River, Ont., Dr. C. J. Mackenzie, chairman of the national research council, said Thursday.

Dr. Mackenzie said it is hoped that government approval for the project will be obtained shortly.

He declined to estimate the cost of building a second atomic pile, but said "a good many millions" would be spent over a period of several years.

FIRST FLOOD TIDE HITS CITY

Suburbs Suffer, Buildings Isolated



Flood water, which surged over the banks of the Seine river Friday flooding streets and homes has forced several families to vacate in St. Vital along Bruce road. The picture on the left shows Melvin Schlorff, lot 134 St. Anne's road, hauling bags of mud in a flat-bottomed

boat to bank the walls of his home. In the other picture, Albany Bruce, 122 Bruce road, sitting on the tractor, is pulling a truck which was stalled on Bruce road in two feet of water. More than 40 residents in the vicinity have been hit by the flood.

Hurst Gives Advice On Flood Fighting

W. D. Hurst, city engineer, Friday issued the following statement regarding flood probabilities in Winnipeg:

Occupants of blocks in the central business district of the city may anticipate the point at which danger to stocks of merchandise stored in their basements may occur by checking the level of the basement floor with the daily level of the Red river.

The level of the basement floor may be estimated by measuring from the pavement level in the adjacent street, and the pavement level can be estimated from the fact that the level of the pavement at Main street and Logan avenue is 33; at Portage avenue and Main street 32½; and at Sherbrook street and Portage avenue 34.

Example Given

For instance: If the floor of a basement in a building near the corner of Main street and Portage Avenue is 12 feet below the pavement level, the floor level will be about 21½ feet and unless water is prevented from entering through the sewers, a flooding of the basement may be expected when the river elevation reaches 21.5.

Other pavement elevations are approximately:

- Osborne and River 32
- Salter and Logan 32.5
- Market and Rennie 32
- Hargrave and Notre Dame 32.5

The attached tabulation gives the approximate elevation of the pavement at street intersections at various points throughout the city. From these elevations residents should be able to estimate the street elevation in the vicinity of their homes.

Subtracting the depth of basement from street elevation will give the approximate flood level at which water may be expected to back up the sewer into the basement. An allowance should be made to provide for the fact that published water levels are those of the Red river at James Avenue. At the south and north city limits it will be approximately two feet higher and two feet lower respectively.

Certain preventative measures

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Here's List Of 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 18 feet.

POINT DOUGLAS

- Higgins and Main 33
- Higgins and Argyle 32
- Higgins and Gladstone 27
- Higgins and Boyle 25
- Sutherland and Syndicate 27
- Sutherland and Gomez 28
- Sutherland and Distract 31
- Sutherland and Main 32
- Rover and Distract 22
- Rover and Syndicate 22

SOUTH FORT ROUGE

- Churchill and Baltimore 26
- Balfour and Eccles 27
- Maplewood and Eccles 24
- Morley and Eccles 24
- Casey and Morley 27
- Casey and Ashland 29
- Casey and Balfour 27
- Ashland and Fisher 29
- Osborne and Jubilee 33
- Osborne and Maplewood 33
- Osborne and Heatherington 34
- Osborne and Don 33
- Osborne and Stradbrook 33
- Stradbrook and Wellington Crescent 32
- Roslyn Crescent 29
- Osborne and Roslyn 32
- River and Clarke 31
- River and Main 25
- Jubilee and Daly 33
- Jubilee and Cockburn 33.4

NORTH END EAST OF MAIN

- McCallum and St. Cross 27
- McCallum and Main 27

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Brotman Asks Ban On Planes Over Winnipeg

A probe into the city's legal control over routes taken by aircraft over Winnipeg was urged Thursday by Ald. E. A. Brotman in city health committee.

Referring to Sunday's plane crash in St. James and a previous air tragedy near Minneapolis, Ald. Brotman declared that steps could "surely be taken to avert such tragedies."

On his motion, committee members agreed to request the city solicitor for advice on whether the city has any jurisdiction over routes taken by air planes above Winnipeg.

"It might be a good idea if, for the safety of citizens, these planes took routes into the landing field over less populated areas," Ald. Brotman said.

Ald. H. B. Scott said that planes don't usually fly directly over the city when landing or leaving. "There are hundreds of planes that come in or leave without us knowing anything about it. Its only in certain kind of weather that they change their route to fly over the city."

"Anyway, I think the city should see whether it has legal powers to deal with the situation, and if it hasn't, maybe legislation could be arranged," concluded Ald. Brotman.

Students of Vermette school, lot 155 St. Anne's road were given an unexpected holiday Friday by Principal Nick Kosowan, seen walking through the water. Flood waters from the rampaging Seine river flooded the school grounds giving 72 children from grades one to nine a vacation.

The Iron Curtain Around Elm Park

An Iron Curtain is being dropped around St. Vital's Elm Park. Only residents and volunteer workers with authorized passes will be allowed into the police-barricaded area after 1 p.m. Saturday.

The Iron Curtain technique, which will seal Elm Park from the rest of Winnipeg, was announced Friday by Mayor Elwood Bole, of St. Vital, as part of the municipality's emergency flood action.

The barricaded area will extend from one mile west of St. Mary's road to the Winnipeg side of the Elm Park bridge.

In taking this action it is Mayor Bole's intention to exclude press reporters, photographers and sightseers from the Elm Park district.

The St. Vital mayor stated Friday that sightseers and press representatives are being kept out at the request of residents.

"The people have asked that they should not be photographed in their predicament," he added.

In addition, the mayor has ruled that no news of flood developments in the Elm Park area will be available except through the Red Cross. "This is the only way we can be sure of getting authentic information into the newspapers," he said.

Experience with 1948 floods proved, sightseers and even volunteer workers could seriously hold up control measures, the mayor contended.

"We have to make sure only properly authorized volunteers get into the district. In 1948 a lot of people who came to help us came without hip boots and proper equipment," he claimed.

The mayor added, "People can help us materially by staying away."

Objects of the action to be taken are, according to Mayor Bole:

- To control traffic and other hazards that might hamper flood control efforts.
- To cut down the risk of infection from river flood waters.

Residents of the district are being immunized but visitors would have no protection.

St. Vital police will guard the eastern barricade. It will be set up at the corner of Kingston Road and Dunkirk, about one mile west of St. Mary's road. If necessary, it will be moved later half a mile closer to the main highway.

The municipality has asked Winnipeg police to control the approach to the Elm Park bridge. Mayor Bole said he has no official reply from the department but he believed the request would be granted.

Howe Sees Difficulty Selling Canada Wheat

OTTAWA, April 21 (CP)—Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, trade minister, told the commons Thursday the world is turning from a seller's to a buyer's market in wheat.

"There is not likely to be a shortage of supply," Mr. Howe said. The Canadian wheat board will find selling more difficult now that Canada no longer has a long-term wheat agreement with the United Kingdom.

Mr. Howe spoke during debate of a resolution to extend the powers of the wheat board and continue the system of wheat pools until July 31, 1953.

The debate was adjourned after John Diefenbaker (PC—Lake Centre) said he would have been happier if Mr. Howe had announced that the initial price of wheat this year had been fixed at \$1.55 a bushel instead of the \$1.49 recently announced.

Mr. Diefenbaker urged an international participation payment now to farmers in the drought areas of the west.

Although selling may be more difficult, Canada will not be entering the new crop year in August with any unusually heavy supplies, Mr. Howe said.

"There appears to be an active demand for the small quantities that remain to be sold from the 1949 crop,"

He praised the four-year international wheat agreement under which Canada will sell most of her exportable wheat and said the reason for extension of the wheat board's powers was to make certain Canada would be able to fulfill her obligations under the pact.

The international wheat agreement, however, held no panacea "for all our wheat problems, not

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Campbell Promises Help Of Province

Premier D. L. Campbell Thursday told the legislature the government is ready to co-operate with other agencies in meeting the flood threat in Manitoba.

He pointed out that a conference of all interested groups was held ten days ago and plans laid. The army was standing by and would be ready when called upon.

Previously four members of the house had stressed the seriousness of the flood threat and urged government action to aid those affected.

The house also:

- 1. Heard Premier Campbell say business of the house should be completed Friday.
- 2. Approved 38 to 9 a government amendment to a resolution by Lloyd Stinson (CCF—Winnipeg South) asking the government to provide free treatment to cancer victims.
- 3. Heard Hon. C. Rhodes Smith, education minister, emphasize that the government endorsed voluntary cadet training but opposed compulsory training.
- 4. Heard Mr. Smith present the government's policy on "accelerated courses" for high school students.
- 5. Gave third reading to 12 bills.

Harry P. Shevman (Ind.—Morris) asked for adjournment of the house to discuss the flood situation in the Red River valley.

He urged immediate financial assistance to help farmers move their families and cattle and to pay for feed to replace stocks lost in the flood.

John A. McDowell (Ind.—P.C.—Iberville) agreed that farmers were suffering great hardship. He urged that the army be called out to provide assistance and criticized municipal and provincial authorities for a "policy of passive resistance" to appeals for aid.

R. S. Clement (Ind.—Russell) said he had just returned to Winnipeg after flying over the flooded area in his own aircraft. The situation was "even worse than reported." He had seen "dozens of farms isolated."

E. A. Hansford, opposition leader, urged that every possible step be taken by the government to meet the situation.

Just prior to adjournment, Premier Campbell told the legislature he believed it would be "quite easy to complete the business of the house Friday."

It was expected bills still not printed would be ready for the house Friday. With the exception of the Trans-Canada highway bill and "maybe one or two others," the remaining bills were "routine."

Ron Robertson (Ind.—Roblin) asked if it was the intention of the government to lay

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Dock Tie-Up Grows; 1,000 Join Strikers

LONDON, April 21 (BUP)—One thousand more stevedores joined the wildcat London dock strike Friday and an additional 1,000 threatened to walk out in a new dispute.

Although the three-day strike delayed unloading of perishable food cargoes, Rt. Hon. George Isaacs, labor minister, told commons they were not in danger of spoiling during the week-end.

He denounced the strike as "Communist-inspired."

He hinted again that troops might be called out to unload cargoes if a settlement is not reached.

Friday's walkout by 1,000 dock workers boosted the number on strike to 8,000, one-fourth of London's dock labor force.

Seven thousand other dock workers announced they would go on strike unless the Shaw-Savill Shipping company withdraws its plans to hire workers by the week instead of the day.

Emerson Families Leave Homes Before Blow

The border town of Emerson, Manitoba, Friday was making last minute preparations for what is feared will be a worse flood than that experienced in the district in the spring of 1948.

Through traffic from Winnipeg to Emerson on the west side of the river was stopped Friday.

Water was over the old highway No. 14 near St. Jean Baptiste, at points between Letellier and Emerson and in the Emerson subway.

Water from the Red river was reported creeping into the town from the north end as the river level went up two and one-half feet in 24 hours.

At noon Friday several families had already abandoned their homes and the river was said to be going up at the rate of one inch an hour.

Some traffic was getting from Morris to Letellier via the uncompleted new No. 75 highway, but highways branch officials said the remainder of the road was too muddy to be passable.

At a number of other points along the highway where banks of the river are lowest, water is reported to have spilled over and to be lapping against the road.

By Saturday it is expected, Red river water will be running over the highway at these points, if the river's rise continues at its present pace.

Protect Phone Office

Sandbags have been thrown up around the telephone office in Emerson and pumps installed in an effort to keep phone communication in operation when water comes into the main part of town.

Emerson residents expect the full force of the rampaging Red

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Many Residents Quit Threatened Districts

The raging Red river surged one foot above flood level in Winnipeg by 2 p.m. Friday, a jump of three and one half feet in the last 24 hours.

Residents of Greater Winnipeg girded for the flood battle Friday as hundreds began evacuating valuables from threatened low spots in St. Vital, West Kildonan, St. Boniface and Winnipeg.

Crews under the direction of the city engineer were checking catch-basins in the municipal hospital area around Morley avenue and in the low spot between Water avenue and Lombard street east of Main street.

Moving vans did a rush business throughout the flood-threatened areas of Greater Winnipeg Thursday afternoon and Friday.

A number of residents evacuated furniture and other valuables from the path of the rampaging Red river.

Home-owners in the Kingston crescent area (St. Vital and along Scotia street in West Kildonan) gave up hope that the swollen waters would not reach their doors.

Meanwhile a sudden rise of approximately four feet along the Seine river has surrounded about 20 homes between St. Anne's road and this raging stream in St. Vital.

West Kildonan authorities said Friday it would be impossible to build a dike to protect the residents along Scotia street where the Red river was already about three inches from flood level.

"It has been estimated that the river will go two feet higher than in 1948," said E. H. Baxter, municipal engineer. "At that rate we would have to build a dike 4,000 feet long and eight feet high with a base of 20 feet, covering Scotia street for about eight blocks."

Sandbags At Cost

Instead, the municipality was selling thousands of sandbags at cost. Most owners who were working feverishly to bank up their basements.

West Kildonan has secured two 40,000-gallon-per-hour pumps to take care of sewage in the emergency, said Mr. Baxter. Another two pumps portables at 17,000 gallons per hour will be available to pump out basements, he said.

So far, about six boats have been offered to the municipality by nearby residents.

The danger area extends from Hartford Avenue south to the boundary with Winnipeg.

The Red river was creeping closer to St. Anne's road Thursday after flooding 20 homes between the road and the river.

Meanwhile residents of the Kingston crescent area prepared to meet the threat of the swollen Red river. No attempt has been made to dike the whole area off from the river. Instead, the south bank along Kingston road is being jacked to prevent a "cross roll" cutting off the peninsula (as happened in 1948).

Catch-basins have been plugged in the threatened area.

The Salvation Army opened a flood emergency headquarters at 175 Logan avenue Friday. This centre will provide relief for flood victims—clothing.

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North Dakota Reports First Stock Losses

BISMARCK, N.D., April 21 (AP)—First livestock losses were reported early Friday as the torrential Red river inched upward, spilling its murky waters over added acres of North Dakota and Minnesota farm lands.

Thursday President Truman allocated \$100,000 for flood relief in North Dakota.

Near Marvel, N.D., Leo Kinney said eight cattle and all of his brood sows were drowned. Raymond Kinney lost all of his pigs in the same area. Apparently there were other losses.

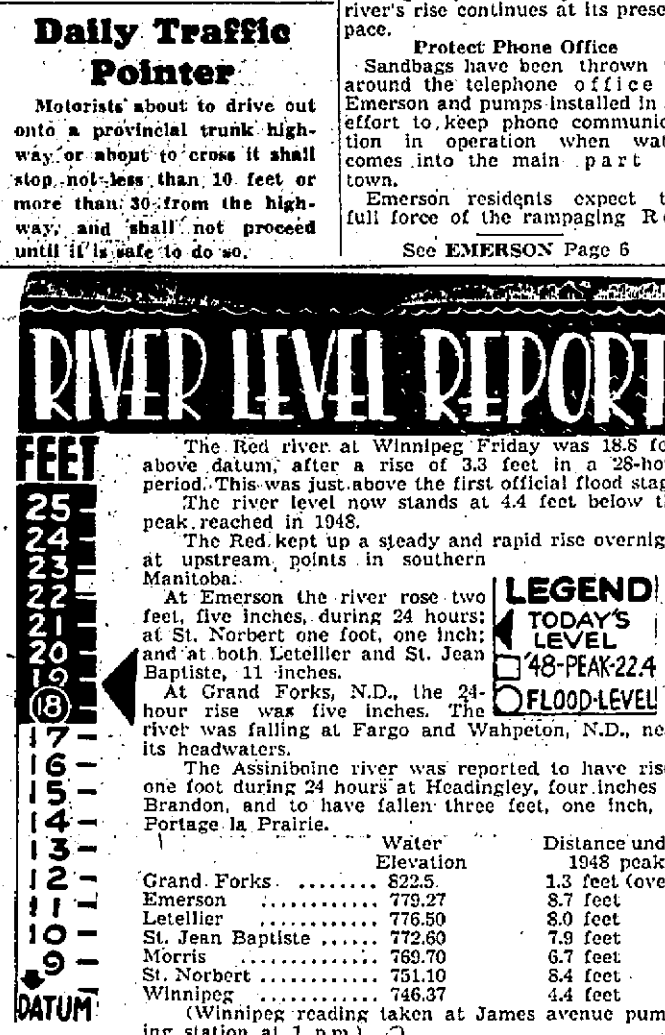
At Grand Forks, the Red river hit a 4288 level Thursday night, 14.82 feet above flood stage. A 44.5 crest is predicted for the week-end as waters from the Red Lake river on the Minnesota side pour into the stream there.

After an aerial survey, officials estimated at least 100 highway and railroad bridges have been carried away by the flood waters.

Local officials have been praised for efficient handling of the emergency housing and feeding refugees, setting up drinking-water purifiers, and evacuating additional families as the rising waters imperil more homes. An estimated total of more than 3,000 are already homeless.

Army ducks were used to deliver milk and other supplies to flood-isolated towns. Postmaster Donald Holler also was using an amphibious vehicle to carry the mail into Drayton.

In central North Dakota, Missouri river tributaries continued to decline as run-off water from the heavy snows of last winter sped downstream. Jamestown, already half swamped by the Pipestem river, eyed the slowly rising James river to its north as a possible new threat.



Small Talk



"Just a moment, Percival."

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Elm Park Set For All-Out Defence

MANITOBA FLOOD CLAIMS FIRST LIFE

Hainan Fall Reported Imminent

Communists Rip Chiang Defences

TAIPEI, Formosa, April 22 (BUP) — Regrouped Chinese Communist invaders burst through Nationalist defence lines on strategic Hainan island Saturday and the fall of Hoihow, the island capital, appeared near.

A Nationalist spokesman said he could not confirm, nor would he deny a report from Communist Canton that a truce had been arranged to permit the Nationalists to evacuate Hoihow.

The Nationalists already have abandoned the Hoihow airfield and there were unconfirmed reports that government officials have left the city.

An independent despatch from Hainan published in the Hong Kong newspaper Singao Daily News said Nationalist headquarters evacuated Hoihow, apparently under a truce.

It said a strong Communist column was within six miles west of the capital and panic-stricken refugees were streaming from the city into the countryside.

Hainan lies off the southeast tip of China and has been the principal base for Nationalist forces in Communist cities in southern China, including Canton. Its fall would leave the Nationalists only the island of Formosa and a handful of small islands in the Chusan archipelago off Shanghai.

News of Hoihow's imminent fall came in the midst of Nationalist celebrations of reports that the Communist invasion of Hainan had been smashed and 6,000 invaders captured.

Official sources said Communist Gen. Lin Piao apparently had regrouped his invasion forces in their limited beachhead on the northwest coast of Hainan 25 miles west of Hoihow and smashed through the Nationalist lines.

Simultaneously, Communist guerrillas swept down from their mountain strongholds and attacked Gen. Hsueh's defending forces from the rear.

The Communist forces linked up, an official source said, and launched a concerted attack on the Nationalist army. He said the situation Saturday was serious with heavy fighting and no way out.

Civil Air Transport sources here reported that the Chinese (Nationalist) air force abandoned Hoihow airfield Saturday morning. A transport plane standing by to evacuate members of the government left after a two-hour wait. Another C.A.T. plane flew out the C.A.T. staff at Hoihow.

Unconfirmed reports that Communist prisoners captured Friday somehow had gotten access to arms and again joined the battle. The Communists launched their invasion of Hainan Monday from the Luchow peninsula, just across a strait from Hoihow.

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Acheson Rates Trieste Note As 'Nonsense'

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP) — Dean Acheson, state secretary, Friday roundly denounced Russia's charges that the United States is violating the Italian peace treaty by maintaining troops at Trieste.

Mr. Acheson told his press conference the accusations are a combination of "wholly false" statements and "nonsense." The secretary's quick rejection of Thursday night's note from Moscow clearly foreshadowed similar emphatic turndowns by France and Britain.

(British spokesmen rejected a Soviet charge that Britain and the U.S. are maintaining a naval base in the port of Trieste. They said the only British naval forces there are two officers and seven men.)

(In Washington U.S. officials said Britain and the U.S. were within their rights in keeping troops in Trieste until the free territory is established. They said Russia was chiefly to blame for delay in setting up the free territory organization because she refused to agree on a governor to administer the area.)

Mr. Acheson defended the right of Britain and the U.S. to keep troops in Trieste as "in complete conformity with the obligations of the Italian peace treaty."

Looking into Moscow's motive, he said, Russia is trying "to disrupt efforts to achieve a solution."

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Cross Of St. George Flies Over Free Press

Sunday, April 23, is the festival of the patron saint of England and marking the anniversary of the Cross of St. George will fly from the courtesy flagstaff of the Free Press.

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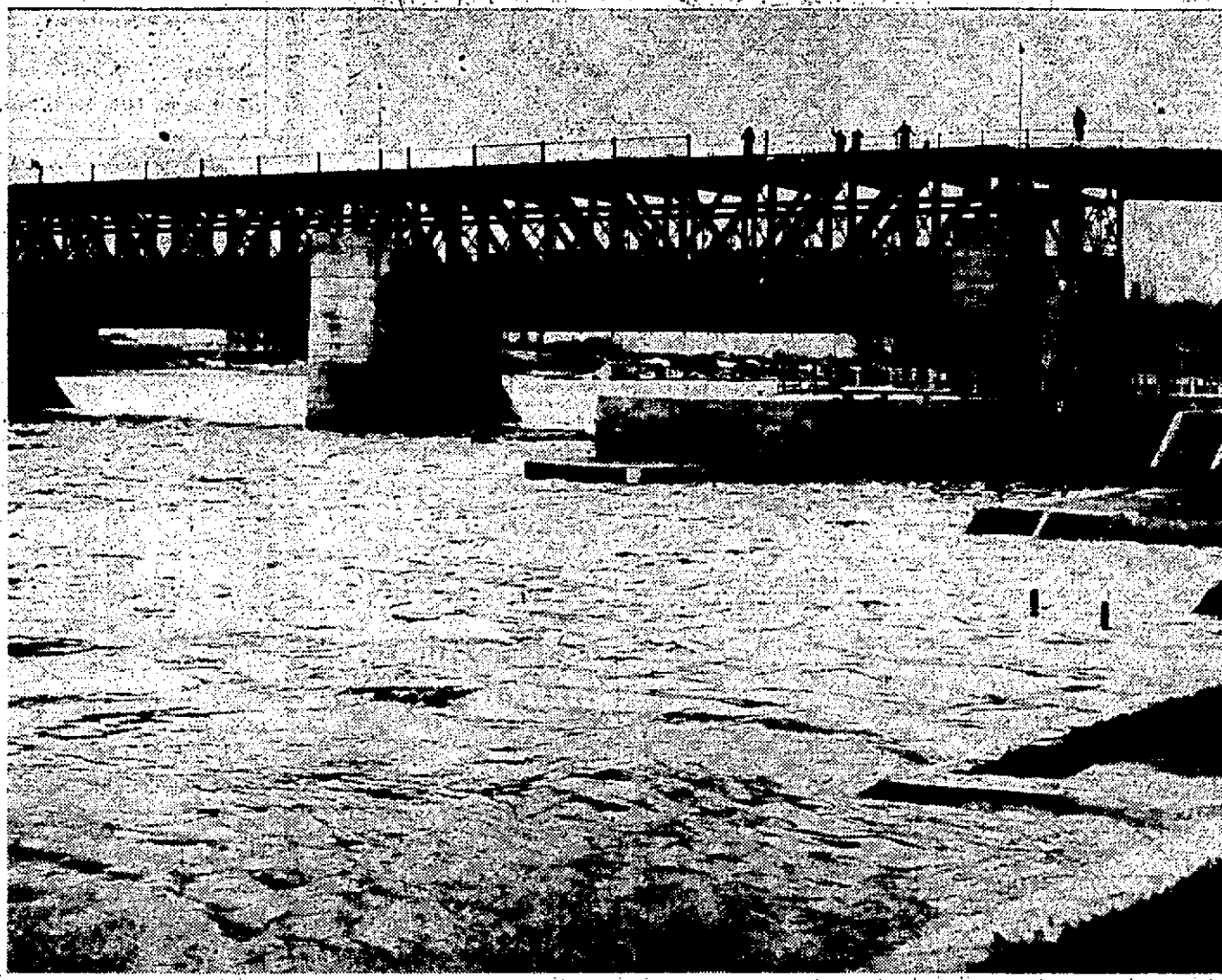
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RUNNING WILD AND WIDE



This picture taken Saturday morning shows the Red river running clear and fast at St. Andrew's locks 16 miles north of Winnipeg. Note how the swollen stream is virtually as high on the downstream side as it is upstream. The gates, on the right, are closed but the current is pouring through the sluice gates stretching across the main channel.

Seine Waters Block 100 St. Vital Homes

Greater Winnipeg Saturday stood facing the relentless Red river as it crept inch by inch upon scores of homes in St. Vital and West Kildonan. The Red Cross moved into flooded areas with 80 flat-bottomed boats and 300 pairs of hip boots.

Meanwhile the swollen Seine river reached slowly around more than 100 homes in a five-mile stretch between St. Anne's road and the stream in St. Vital.

Rangers Blank Fife In Soccer Cup Final

LONDON, April 22 — The Rangers won the Scottish cup final today. Score was East Fife 0, Rangers 3.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE	
Aberdeen 6	Sterling Albion 2
Hearts 6	Dundee 2
Rath Rovers 2	Queen of the South 0
SCOTTISH LEAGUE Division B	
Arbroath 3	Stenhousemuir 1
Dunfermline Athletic 3	Argyll United 0
Dundee United 1	Queen's Park 1
Airdrieonians 3	Motherwell 2
Celtic 3	Hibernians 2
St. Johnstone 4	Albion Rovers 2
Falkirk 3	Alloa Athletic 0
Kilmarnock 10	Derry City 3
SCOTTISH OTHER MATCHES	
Airdrieonians 3	Motherwell 2
Celtic 3	Hibernians 2
St. Johnstone 4	Albion Rovers 2
Falkirk 3	Alloa Athletic 0
Kilmarnock 10	Derry City 3
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AMATEUR CUP FINAL	
Willington 4	Bishop Auckland 0
Irish Cup Final	
Linfield 2	Distillery 1
Results of other soccer games played Saturday were:	
ENGLISH LEAGUE First Division	
Aston Villa 3	Bolton Wanderers 0
Blackpool 0	Chelsea 0 (tie)
Charlton Athletic 3	Birmingham City 0
Everton 1	Burnley 1 (tie)
Second Division	
Blackburn Rovers 2	West Ham United 0
Bradford 0	Swansea Town 1
Brentford 3	Barnsley 0
Bury 0	Queen's Park Rangers 0 (tie)
Cardiff City 1	Sheff. Wed. 1
Chesterfield 3	Leeds United 1
Hull City 3	Luton Town 1 (tie)
Nottingham Forest 1	Sheff. Wed. 1
Plymouth, Argyle 0	Southampton 0 (tie)
Sheff. Wednesday 1	Coventry City 1 (tie)
Third Division, Southern	
Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic 1	(tie)
Bristol Rovers 5	Northwich City 1
Crystal Palace 1	Bristol City 1 (tie)
Exeter City 3	Swansea Town 0
Ipswich Town 3	Torquay United 1
Leyton Orient 1	Millwall 1 (tie)
Nottingham Forest 0	Southend United 0
Port Vale 0	Albion 1
Reading 1	Walsall 1 (tie)
Southend 1	Northampton Town 2
Walsall 0	Derby County 0
Wend 0	Derby County 0
Third Division, Northern	
Accrington Stanley 1	Blackburn Rovers 1 (tie)
Barrow 1	Doncaster Rovers 2 (tie)
Carlisle United 5	Chester 1
Grimsby 2	Sheff. Wed. 1
Lincoln City 3	Sheff. Wed. 1 (tie)
Manchester Town 0	Bradford City 2
Oldham Athletic 3	New Brighton 0
Rotherham United 4	Southport 0
Tranmere Rovers 2	Hartlepool United 1
Wrexham 2	Hull City 3
York City 1	Darlington 1 (tie)

Prorogation Tonight

In view of the illness of the chief justice of Manitoba, Hon. E. A. McPherson, Chief Justice E. K. Williams of the court of king's bench has been designated administrator of the province in the absence of Hon. R. F. McWilliams, lieutenant-governor. Chief Justice Williams will officiate at the prorogation ceremonies of the provincial legislature Saturday night.

Temperatures

Temperature readings during the 24 hour period ending 5:30 a.m. Saturday were:

	Min.	Max.	Prec.
Vancouver	35	51	.03
Calgary	26	50	.00
Edmonton	27	57	.00
Swift Current	29	52	.00
Saskatoon	25	51	.00
Regina	27	55	.00
Brandon	34	60	.00
Winnipeg	39	66	.00
Port Arthur	38	42	.10
Toronto	39	48	.00
Ottawa	39	48	.00
Montreal	34	51	.00
Halifax	37	48	.00

Swedish Ship Finds Second Liferaft

COPENHAGEN, April 22 (BUP) — A Swedish vessel in the Baltic sea has picked up a second liferaft of similar type to that carried by a missing American navy Privateer believed shot down by the Russians with 10 men aboard, it was announced Saturday.

Authorities at Copenhagen's Kastrop airport said the second raft was shipped to the airport by Swedish police. It was carefully wrapped to prevent smudging of any fingerprints that might identify it as being from the missing plane.

It is expected the raft will be flown to the American air base at Port Lyautoy in North Africa, home base of the missing Privateer.

Flights To Continue

WASHINGTON, April 22 (BUP) — Unarmed navy planes will continue to fly over the Baltic sea on training missions but will keep away from Russian territory.

A navy spokesman said, however, that no flights are "immediately scheduled" over that area.

Major Elwood Bole helped with his neighbors in a desperate attempt to keep the raging Red from crossing the narrow point from the south end of Kingston row and crescent.

Meanwhile the river was lapping at the doorsteps of 25 to 30 homes on the north side of the loop. These homes have been given up to the flood. If the river continues to rise nothing can prevent flooding.

Resident in West Kildonan living along Scotia street between Ruppersland avenue and Jefferson avenue are barricading their homes with sand bags. Some have built wooden dikes around their homes and have piled sand bags against them.

Most of the homes in this area have the water lapping at their back door steps.

Some residents are planning on vacating their homes.

The Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Red Cross, "prepared for flood emergencies," reported Saturday more than 300 pairs of hip waders were distributed in flood areas Friday evening.

In addition, approximately 80 flat bottomed boats were brought into use, the largest number concentrated in the St. Anne's road district. A

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Daily Traffic Pointer

On all highways of sufficient width, except on one-way streets, drivers shall, wherever practicable, drive on the right side of the highway. Drivers of slow-moving vehicles are required to stay as close to the right-hand curb as possible.

A slow-moving vehicle, according to the highway traffic act, is one travelling at less than 15 miles an hour. However, this term does not apply at or near intersections, nor where the condition of the road or traffic would make a higher speed dangerous.

Farmer Drowns In Icy Stream

Manitoba spring flood waters claimed their first life Friday when a 41-year-old farmer, in the St. Elizabeth district, was drowned after his boat overturned in the swollen Marsh river.

More Rivers Spill In U.S.; Farmer Killed

BISMARCK, N.D., April 22 (AP) — More rivers surged from their channels Saturday, throwing new, sudden punches at midwest areas already swamped under their worst floods in 33 years.

The first fatality attributed to the rampaging waters was reported Friday. Howard Bjorgaard, 27, farmer near Argyle, Minn., was electrocuted by a power line, cut when a torrent uprooted poles carrying it.

The sudden deluge swept down the Snake river when ice gave way suddenly upstream. The ordinarily placid river flooded half of Warren, Minn., a town of 2,000, but subsided almost as quickly as it came.

The Mississippi river overflowed its banks in north-central Minnesota. Farmers between Atkin and Fort Ripley, a 30-mile stretch, were moving out and taking their livestock with them. L. A. Zeman, Atkin county engineer, said 30,000 more acres would be under water when the expected crest comes Sunday.

In Minneapolis, flood warnings were posted by the United States weather bureau for industries located on low lands along the Mississippi.

National guardsmen helped battle a burgeoning Missouri river flood at Pierre, S.D. That stream was being built out of bound by torrents pouring into it from the Grand and Moreau rivers, near Moberly.

U.S. highway 83, in that area was blocked and some 35 families from the lowlands around Pierre were being cared for in two lodge clubrooms.

W. M. Littlefield of the U.S. geological survey said the Missouri hit an 18.44-foot level in Pierre Friday night, 3.44 feet above flood stage. He predicted, however, that

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Mosher Says Strike Looms On Rail Issue

OTTAWA, April 22 (BUP) — The 30,000 members of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees will vote overwhelmingly to strike in a wage and hours dispute with the major railways, union president A. R. Mosher predicted Friday.

Mosher said the joint protective committee of the brotherhood will meet in Montreal Monday to decide whether to call a strike vote.

Leaders of 15 international railway brotherhoods will also meet in Montreal next week to decide on a strike vote.

At least four or five of the 10 families whose buildings are located near the river at this point, have moved from their water-surrounded homes to other farms not so badly affected.

At St. Norbert the river was reported four feet below the 1948 flood peak. If the river goes up another foot it will spill over the banks at the ferry there.

The river at this point was reported to be flowing freely with no ice jams. There is still snow, however, left along the banks.

Highway 75, near Emerson was definitely closed Saturday according to the highways branch.

Five feet of water has flooded out the subway at this border town.

A few cars, however, were reported getting through from Letellier to Emerson over a second grade of the inclement No. 75.

Other traffic south was being reported.

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Small Talk



"Not bad—not bad at all."

USAF Plane -35 Aboard—Down In Japan

TOKYO, April 22 (AP) — A United States air force C-54 transport plane carrying 35 persons crashed in a rainstorm southwest of Tokyo Friday night, and the fate of those aboard still is uncertain.

Air force headquarters said searching aircraft and ground parties had been unable to sight the wreckage hours after the crash.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters Saturday released the names of those reported aboard. The list included the chief of Allied headquarters' foreign trade and commerce division.

The newspaper Asahi said, however, Japanese searchers had located the wreckage but gave no indication of any survivors. The newspaper put the scene near the town of Hiratsuka, 17 miles north of Odawara. Odawara is a seacoast town 52 miles southwest of Tokyo.

New Brunswick Floods Halt Trains; Threaten To Isolate Fredericton

SAINT JOHN, N.B., April 22 (CP) — Washouts caused principally by heavy rain left railway service disrupted in central and southern New Brunswick Friday night. The capital city of Fredericton was near isolation as rising water threatened to cut off all highway traffic.

A flooding St. John river was a source of trouble, at some points but almost steady rain caused the greatest difficulty, with frost still in the ground and the inundation unable to drain away normally.

Train service to and from Fredericton was at a standstill.

1,000 FLEE HOMES AT EMERSON

City Suburbs Losing Flood Battle

River Ice Jam Feared

Record Crest Due In Five Days

Homeowners in most of the flood-besieged suburbs of Winnipeg Monday were fighting a losing battle with the relentless rise of the Red river.

At the same time workmen rushed diking operations near the heart of the downtown business section as the river rapidly approached the peak level of 1948.

At 1 p.m. Monday the river level at the James street pumping station was recorded as 21.4 feet above datum, a rise of 1.6 feet since noon Saturday. The river has remained at the 21.4 level since 6 a.m. Monday.

City engineering officials however said Monday that the Red river in Winnipeg might climb to more than a foot above the 1948 peak when the crest reaches the city in four or five days.

Official river level figures on the river height at points south of Winnipeg, released Monday by the drainage branch of the provincial department of public works were:

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DATUM		
	Grand Forks	823.15
	Emerson	787.37
	Letellier	783.00
	St. Jean Baptiste	777.00
	Morris	773.10
	St. Agathe	763.11
	St. Norbert	755.5
		Distance under 1948 peak
		2 feet (over)
		.6 feet
		1.5 feet
		3.5 feet
		3.3 feet
		6.5 feet
		4 feet

In St. Vital, worst hit of Winnipeg's residential districts, citizens took to boats Monday morning on Kingston row as water covered close to 300 feet along the street to a depth of nearly three feet.

Late Sunday in this area a desperate last-minute attempt was made to keep the river from pouring over the street.

Six or eight homeowners situated at the lowest part of the street on the north side, agreed to sacrifice their homes by bridging between them with sandbags, using the houses as part of a dike.

Their efforts, however, proved fruitless. Muddy, fast-moving river water seeped through onto the road before the diking operation could be completed.

A sandbag dike was thrown across the foot of Lombard avenue Monday morning by city workmen. It stretches from the Winnipeg Electric company sub-station to the Gilfix building.

Water is now lapping at the Canadian National railway tracks at the foot of the street.

Lombard St. Closed

All large warehouses in the area have pumps in readiness to hoist water out of basements. One pump was already in operation Monday.

The lower half of Lombard street has been sealed off to all traffic.

An emergency Red Cross canteen will be set up Monday afternoon at the corner of Kingston Row and Dunkirk Drive with boy scouts to deliver sandwiches and coffee to all flood workers unable to get away for meals.

Exact number of houses vacated along Kingston Row was unknown Monday but evacuation was still going on and water had reached above ground floor level in some homes on the north side.

Residents here and in the Scotia street section of West Kildonan, worked right round the clock over the week-end with sandbags, dikes and water pumps.

At least a half-dozen homes on Scotia street between Rupikland and Tait avenues were completely surrounded by water.

The river now reaches across the street and is lapping at the foot of front lawns on the other side. Scores of homes have water either in their yards or basements or both.

Water has also spilled over the Red river banks at Victoria crescent in St. Vital and is reported to be across the street.

Barriers have been set up here and only residents and workmen are allowed past.

A radio telephone communication system has been put into effect.

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'Serious Loss' In Atom Blaze; FBI Hunts Clue

BERKELEY, Calif., April 24 (BUP)—The federal bureau of investigation Monday investigated a fire which endangered giant atom smashers vital to the nation's research programme at the University of California's atomic project.

The fire broke out Sunday in a two-story structure used for administration, drafting and engineering. The building was destroyed.

The building is one of a dozen in the atomic project area. The other buildings include concrete structures housing the school's 184-inch cyclotron, a bevatron and a large atom-smasher still under construction.

R. A. Barton, manager of the atomic laboratory, described the fire as a "serious loss."

He declined to go into details, but it appeared that the burned building may have contained plans and other data used in super-secret work for the atomic energy commission.

Nearly 100 firemen were called to fight the blaze and keep it from spreading to nearby buildings and a hydrogen "bank" only 50 feet away. Origin of the fire was not known. There was no one in the building when it broke out. Fire precautions on the atomic project are rigid.



This air picture of Emerson, taken Monday, shows the border town covered by almost as much Red river water as in 1948 — but with the main flood crest not expected for another five days. Not till Saturday did the advancing Red really take over the town's main street and start a relentless sweep into adjacent thoroughfares. As a Free Press photographer flew over Emerson Monday morning he compared what he saw with results of 1948's flood and agreed with the town's residents who are prepared for much worse this time. In the town itself last minute touches were being put to elaborate flood-precautions which have allowed the inhabitants so far to keep one jump ahead of the river. Waters such as these extended as far south as the eye could see. (Free Press Air Photo)

Emerson Residents Fear Trans-Canada Road Agreement Signed By 6 Of 10 Provinces

OTTAWA, April 24 (CP)—Six of the 10 provinces Monday signed agreements with the federal government to co-operate on the construction of a 5,000-mile \$300,000,000 hard-surfaced, two-lane highway across Canada. The agreements were signed by Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island. Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland abstained, all giving different reasons for their decision not to sign at this time.

Hon. Antonio Talbot, roads minister of Quebec, said his province could not sign because the draft agreement did not give sufficient protection to the rights of his province. Hon. W. S. Anderson, public works minister, said New Brunswick was anxious to sign, but felt it should not do so until a better estimate of the costs involved is available.

Nova Scotia indicated it will sign as soon as enabling legislation is passed by the legislature. Newfoundland explained that because of special problems prevailing in the new province it could not sign an agreement now.

Although the federal government had stated previously that it would not contribute to the highway unless all provinces co-operate on the project, Hon. R. H. Winters, federal resources minister, indicated that work would go ahead anyway this spring in the hope that agreement with the remaining provinces will be reached later.

Each province signed the agreement, the route the highway will follow in that province was described. But an overall picture of the trans-Canada route will not be available until all provinces have entered agreements.

On the basis of information now available, it is possible to trace the route from Victoria to the Quebec border.

Mr. Winters signed the agreements on behalf of the federal government; Hon. George Doucet, highways minister, for Ontario; Hon. Ernie Willis, works minister, for Manitoba; Hon. E. C. Carleton, for Saskatchewan.

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Latest Picture Highlights Of Red River Flood Destruction

218 Assessment Appeals Before Board Of Revision

Winnipeg's board of revision opened its hearing Monday morning at the city hall on appeals against assessments. About 218 appeals are scheduled to be heard by the board during its 1950 session, as compared to a record-high number of appeals, 1,300 in all, made last year. Total 1950 realty assessment has been boosted about \$13,361,819 over the previous year's figure. This year's appeals are split evenly between commercial properties and dwellings, according to assessment officials. Last year, the majority of appeals came as a result of increased assessment on homes. Monday morning, the board welcomed a new member, W. E. Hobbs, who is replacing Donald A. Ross. Mr. Ross retired at the end of 1949. E. G. Leech, chairman of the three-man board, commented that Mr. Ross, during his 16 years of service on the board, had been a "tower of strength." The other member of the board is Fred S. Ballentine.

SEES POLICE, BREAKS DOOR, YOUTH GETS HAIL, FINE

A post-haste retreat from the "long arm of the law," which included bolting through a door, smashing it and breaking two of its glass panels, resulted in 23-year-old Ronald Robert Daly, of no fixed abode, appearing in city police court Monday, charged with willful damage and theft of a \$17 leather jacket. It started when detectives went to see Daly regarding theft of the jacket from a manufacturing firm. Seeing detectives approach, the young man began his retreat. Daly received a two-month jail sentence after he pleaded guilty to theft of the jacket. He was fined \$20 and costs or 21 days for willful damage and ordered to pay \$26 damages. Daly also pleaded guilty to this second charge.

SLIP—NOT BLOW—BELIEVED CAUSE OF STREET MISHAP

First thought to have been the victim of an assault and robbery attempt, 67-year-old George Daignault, 566 Alexander avenue, who was found unconscious in a back lane Friday night, is now said to have slipped and struck his head on some stones. When the elderly man was first found lying at the rear of 308 Pacific avenue, by two 15-year-old boys detectives thought the man might have been slugged. At that time, Mr. Daignault, who was taken to Winnipeg General hospital, was unable to give any details of his accident. X-rays taken at the hospital revealed the man had no skull fracture. He is in good condition.

Fishing Club Re-Elects Gibson President

L. A. Gibson was returned to office as president of the Lake George Fishing club at a directors' meeting which followed the annual banquet and shareholders' meeting Thursday. Highlighting the meeting was the presentation of an honorary life membership to A. E. Godsmark, an old-time club member and officer. G. W. Malaher, provincial director of game and fisheries, showed a colored movie of trout fishing in northern Manitoba. Other officers are: Mr. Godsmark, vice-president, and Fred G. Warburton, secretary-treasurer. Directors elected for a two-year term were Mr. Gibson, N. W. Brewster and S. Price Rattray, with Mr. Godsmark, Harry Darling and B. B. Smith still having a year to complete. Ernest Clayton was elected honorary auditor. The boat committee includes Mr. Brewer, chairman, Mr. Rattray, W. G. Ketchapaw and A. I. Coultry, and the house committee, Mr. Godsmark, chairman, Mr. Smith, H. S. Scarth and Mr. Clayton.

W. GRAY HEADS HIGHLAND GROUP

W. Gray was elected president of the Highland association at the group's annual meeting Saturday. Other officers and delegates selected include: vice-president, Mrs. W. Gray; secretary-treasurer, J. H. G. Ross; delegates to the United Scottish association, Mrs. D. S. Ross, Mrs. D. Gunn, Mr. Ross, N. Johnston and W. Gray; delegates to the United Scottish ladies' auxiliary, Mrs. D. M. MacKay, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. C. Gibson; and delegates to the United Scottish Amateur Athletic association, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Gray. A wind-up social will be held May 13 at 8 p.m. at 102 Noble avenue.

WINNIPEGGERS RE-ELECTED ACCIDENT GROUP DIRECTORS

Two Winnipeg men, W. G. Ketchapaw, of the Fort William Elevator company, and J. A. Mitchell, of the Ogilvie Flour Mills, were re-elected directors of the Millers, Feed Manufacturers and Grain Elevators Accident Prevention association at the annual meeting of the Industrial Accident Prevention associations of Ontario in Toronto, April 24. About 3,300 persons, mainly from Ontario, but including representatives from all Canadian provinces and the United States, are attending the meeting, which will conclude April 25 with an address by N. R. Crump, executive vice-president of the Canadian Pacific railway.

Scottish Literary Society Names Officers

J. S. Wallace was re-elected president of the Scottish Literary society at the group's annual meeting Thursday in Trinity hall. Other members of the executive for 1950 are: honorary presidents, Dr. W. C. Graham, George Berry, George Florence, and A. R. Milne; first vice-president, J. A. Davidson; second vice-president, James McKay; third vice-president, W. W. Milton, and secretary-treasurer, A. R. Miller. The executive committee comprises Mrs. N. MacDonald, Mrs. D. H. Ross, Mrs. J. S. Wallace, W. S. Muir, Mrs. J. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. A. D. MacLean, Mrs. J. McArthur, J. Stewart, and Miss Anne Noble. Delegates to the United Scottish association are Mrs. A. Christie, Mrs. N. MacDonald, Mrs. J. Noble, W. S. Muir and Mrs. D. H. Ross. Mrs. M. M. Shiers and Mrs. A. Tough were named to the ladies' auxiliary of the United Scottish association.

CASES OF MEASLES UP 65 IN MANITOBA

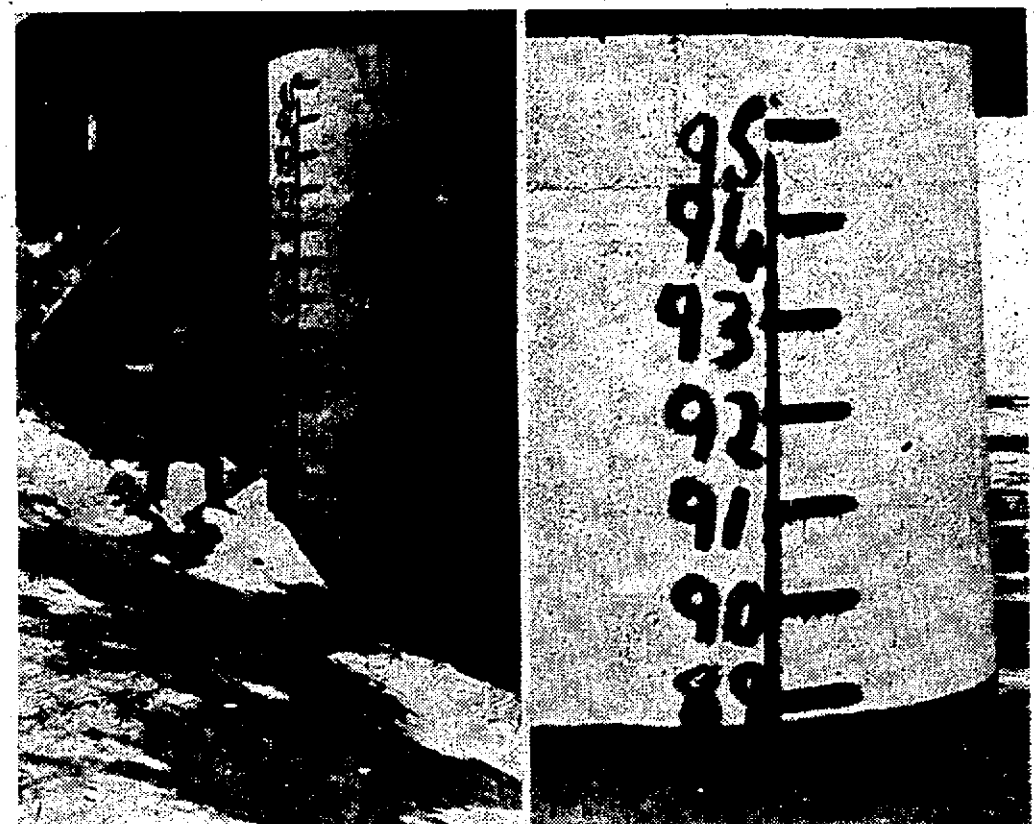
Sixty-five new cases of measles, bringing the total for the year up to 541, were reported Monday in the weekly communicable diseases statement of the provincial health department. Also reported were 25 cases of chickenpox, with a total of 593 for the year, and 16 cases of tuberculosis for a total of 263 since Jan. 1.

D. BELL PRESIDENT OF VARSITY VIEW CLUB

D. Bell was elected president of the Varsity View community club at a meeting Wednesday in the clubhouse. Reports showed good progress in all departments of the club during the past 12 months. Other executive posts will be filled by: first vice-president, I. Musser; second vice-president, Gordon Hill; secretary, Roy Girden and treasurer, Mrs. H. Oakes.



The boat seen here moving down Emerson's main street is one of 24 standing by to do duty as the flood crisis in the border town grows. As a Free Press photographer flew over the town Monday he saw few other signs of life below. About three feet of water Monday covered Emerson's main street, enveloping the whole of the main street and business section. (Free Press Air Photo)



On April 10, a Free Press photographer took the picture at the left of a reporter pointing to the water level markings on Provencher bridge. Saturday morning the photographer took a shot of the same markings. The water by now was as high as the mark the reporter had pointed at in the picture taken April 10.



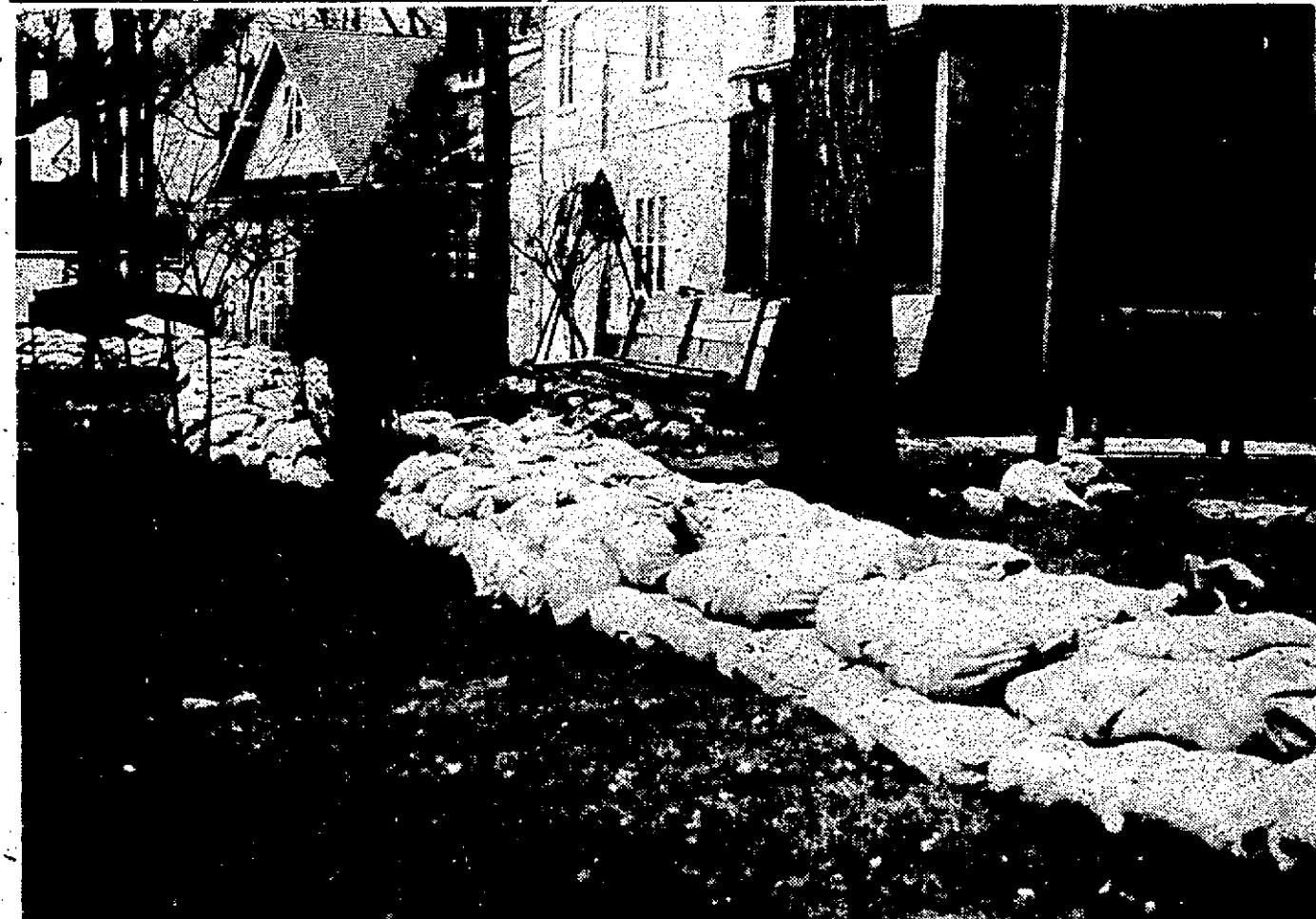
This picture, showing flooded Kingston row in St. Vital, was taken in 1948 when residents were forced to take to boats to move around. According to reports coming out of the area Monday morning an identical picture could have been taken this year except that press photographers have been barred from the district. Homeowners took to boats again Monday as water inundated the street.



The Kingston row part of Elm Park residential district in St. Vital Sunday saw Canadian army amphibious vehicles churning through Red river flood waters a few feet from their back doors. Here a prairie command "duck," like those used in D-Day landings, puts on the land power to get on the road after cruising along the river on a test run.



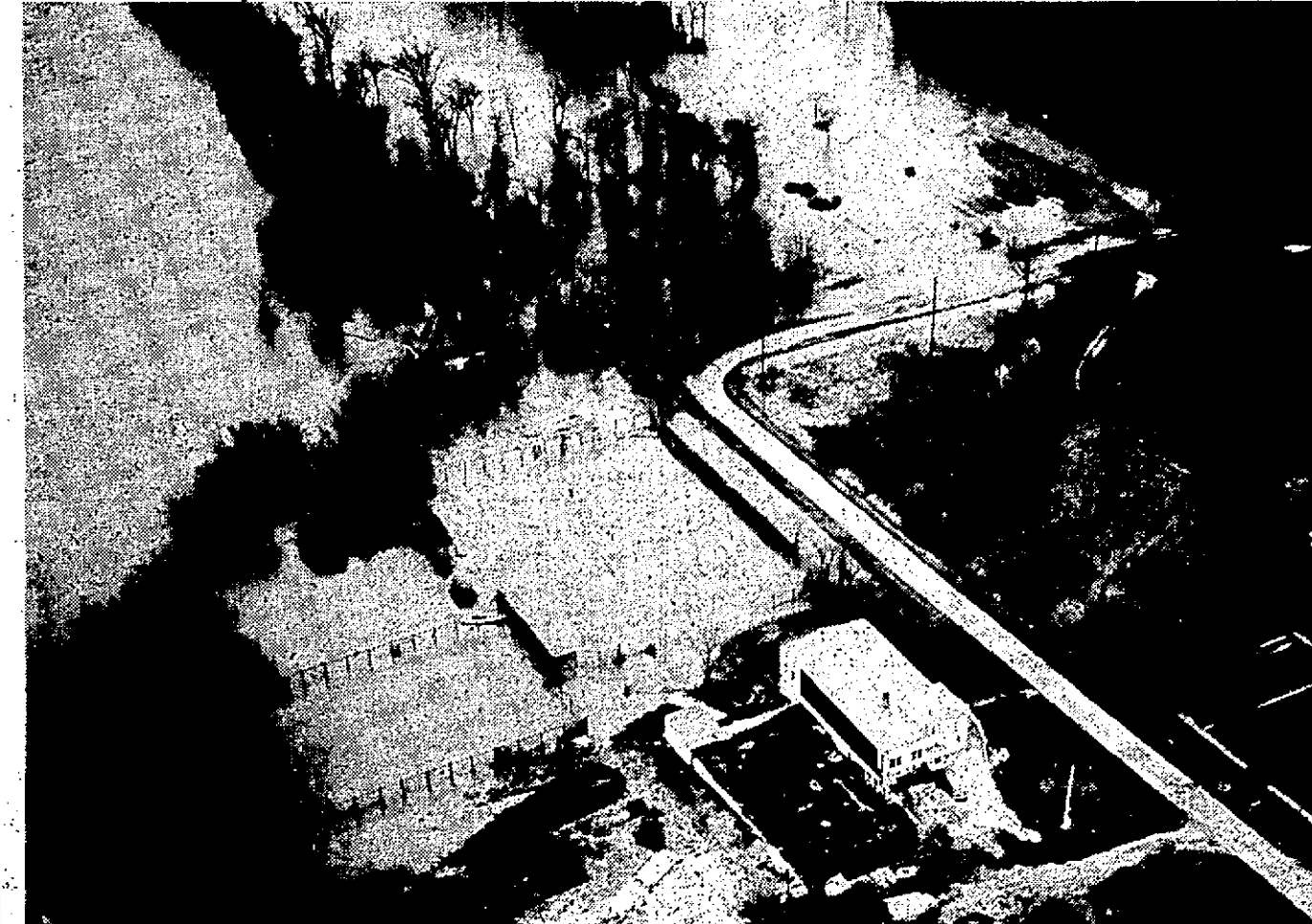
Nine-year-old Gordon Smith (right) has good reason to look upon Arthur Rheault (left), 12, as his best friend. Arthur saved Gordon's life Friday when the younger lad fell into the icy Red river at the foot of Norquay park. Gordon had been jumping from one ice floe to another. Suddenly one piece upset under him and flipped him into the river. He clung to the ice and screamed for help. Risking his own life by venturing out on the ice islands Arthur managed to pull his playmate to safety. Both boys live on Lusted avenue—Arthur at 83 and Gordon at 94.



Residents of the Elm Park area in St. Vital worked during the week-end on these sandbag barriers they hoped would keep the flooding Red river away from their doors. But as they labored the inexorable torrent crept slowly over garden level, posing an even greater threat than in 1948 when uncontrolled



waters inflicted heavy damage on the district. Meanwhile, at the opposite end of Greater Winnipeg, a similar scene was being enacted in the Scotia street area where residents watched the rising Red and thought back to 1948 and the trouble it had caused then.



This Free Press air photo shows Red river waters creeping up around the Y.M.C.A. Canoe club, and the Wildwood club on East Drive, Fort Garry, Monday. Authorities say this corner of the Fort Garry area is the centre of flood troubles. A low section of river bank allows the water to overflow into other parts of the Wildwood district. The Canoe club is at upper left in the picture. Wildwood clubhouse is the white building below and to the right. (Free Press Air Photo)

EMERSON REFUGEES FLEE TO WINNIPEG

Weather Halts Rise In Red At City

Level Creeps Up At South Points

Level of the Red river at Winnipeg remained at 21.4 feet above datum from 6 a.m. Monday until noon Tuesday — the first long period where the flooding stream did not rise since the flood threat started in the city last week.

At 1 p.m. Tuesday, a drop of one-tenth of a foot was recorded at the James street pumping station. The river at that time stood at 21.3 feet above datum, still approximately two feet below the 1948 flood peak.

However, the river was still steadily rising at all other points in the valley as far south as Grand Forks, N.D.

Official river level figures obtained from the drainage branch of the provincial department of public works (readings taken at 8 a.m. Tuesday) were:

Location	Distance under	1948 peak
Grand Forks	2.2 feet (over)	
Emerson	2.2 feet (over)	
Letellier	2.2 feet (over)	
St. Jean Baptiste	2.2 feet (over)	
St. Agathe	2.2 feet (over)	
St. Norbert	2.2 feet (over)	

Snow, which blanketed the city overnight, added to the misery of citizens working to bolster dikes in suburban flooded areas.

Accompanying cool weather, however, may serve to keep down flood waters to a small degree before the expected crest arrives from Emerson within a few days, city engineers said.

Residents of St. Vital, Fort Garry, and West Kildonan, had a brief respite from rising water for 24 hours, but continued to labor at protective operations in their districts.

Meanwhile another suburban district, the Glenwood crescent area of Elmwood was being threatened by the river Tuesday. Water is already in the backyards of homes on this street.

A dike across the foot of Lombard street in the downtown section was completed Monday night by city workmen. So far water is not over the Canadian National railway tracks between the street and the river.

However, city engineers Tuesday were pumping from a Lombard sewer into the Red river.

There is no fear that the Assiniboine river will flood in Winnipeg, A. J. Taunton, deputy city engineer, said Tuesday.

Mr. Taunton pointed out that the pressure from rising Red river waters might push the water of the Assiniboine up slightly, but not to an overflowing stage.

"That will just stop the current, and there is not much water coming in anyway," he said.

He added that the flooding of the Assiniboine in the St. Francis Xavier-High Bluff area, where the banks are low, actually acts as a See FLOODS Page 9

New Blizzard Hits N. Dakota And Minnesota

FARGO, N.D., April 25 — North Dakota and Minnesota, fighting their worst floods in half a century, were blanketed by fresh falls of snow Tuesday measuring up to 15 inches in some areas.

However, R. W. Shultz, head of the U.S. weather bureau here, said the largest fall of snow in an area affecting flooding conditions was four inches at Grand Forks.

He said that other than in the flood areas, the ground generally was dry and he anticipated the snow when it melted would soak into the ground.

Heaviest snow in Manitoba was recorded at Boissevain, where approximately eight inches fell. The storm was passing eastward Tuesday and the dominion weather office predicts the snow will be over Tuesday evening, in the flooded areas and will begin melting Wednesday.

Senators Give Dollar Scheme Cold Shoulder

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP) — Cold opposition was raised in the senate Tuesday to Britain's proposal that the United States should part of Britain's \$3,000,000,000 (\$9,300,000,000) debt to the sterling bloc countries.

Three leaders spoke out vigorously against it and their position was believed to reflect general feeling among congressmen.

Here is what they had to say: Chairman R. M. Connally (D. Tex.) of the senate foreign relations committee: "The British proposal is astounding. It is my view that the United States cannot and should not entertain the British plan."

Senator Robert Taft of Ohio, chairman of the Republican senate policy committee: "It is an extraordinary presumption on their part to ask us now to assume their debts."

Senator Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska, Republican senate floor leader: "I am not in favor of giving any further aid to Britain."

The British proposal was announced Monday as an "exploratory" plan being considered by high administration officials. It would call for the United States to take care of a big share of Britain's debts to India, Pakistan and Southeast Asia.

"When the British loan of \$3,750,000,000 was made," Sen. Taft said, "it was the clear understanding that it was to help the British bring about a long-term settlement of their outstanding sterling debts."

Son's Trial Ordered In Fatal Shooting

CARMAN, Man., April 25 (Special) — An Elm Creek boy, (name withheld), charged with the murder of his father, William Ouellette, appeared in court here Monday night for preliminary hearing, and was ordered by Magistrate B. Steffanson to stand trial at the fall assizes.

S. Greenberg, appearing for the accused, said no plea would be offered.

Earlier Monday afternoon, a six-man coroner's jury, presided over by Dr. H. W. C. North, returned a verdict of death caused by a .22 calibre rifle. Crown Prosecutor S. L. Davis called eight persons, including members of the Ouellette family as witnesses.

During the inquest, a crowded courtroom heard testimony by four children of the deceased, in which it was alleged Mr. Ouellette on several occasions beat them with a two-inch rope.

Mrs. Maude Ouellette, widow of the deceased, testified that she had spent nights in bitterly cold weather lying on the ground in woods and sleeping in neighboring barns to escape her husband's drunken wrath.

She related that on Saturday evening, April 15, her husband "who had had enough to drink to make him wild" threatened to kill her with a beer bottle.

Dr. E. K. Cunningham and See ELM CREEK BOY Page 8



This solid block of ice, jammed in the Red river about three miles north of Emerson, Man., has still to break and come downstream to Winnipeg. To the left of the picture the flooding river has spilled over its bank to cover farmlands with several feet of water. (Free Press Air Photo)

Red Drains Huge Area, Age-Old Flood Threat

A treatise on the Red river valley flood problem by W. D. Hurst, Winnipeg city engineer, delivered in March, 1949, in the form of a speech to the civic bureau, Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, has created considerable interest among engineering experts at points in North Dakota, Minnesota and in Manitoba in connection with the present flood. Because of its timely significance the Free Press, starting today, is publishing the address in a series of articles.

BY W. D. HURST
Winnipeg City Engineer

The flooding of the Red river valley has been a problem since first the area was settled by white men. In order to shed light on what remedial measures could be taken it is worthwhile to look into the floods of the past and some unusual features of the Red river valley itself.

The Ottertail river, a tributary of the Red, has its source within a few miles of Lake Itasca which is also the head water of the Mississippi river. Its general course from Lake Itasca is southwest for about 70 miles through the lake district of Minnesota, past Fergus falls and down into the bed of the former glacial Lake Agassiz and then, out to the middle of the old lake. The river then swings abruptly north between Breckenridge, Minn., and Wahpeton, N.D.

The general course of the river is nearly straight, very slightly west of north and continually bends and meanders to make the channel length approximately double the direct distance of the valley. Forty-two miles north of Wahpeton it passes Fargo, N.D., and Moorhead, Minn., and 115 miles north of Wahpeton it passes Grand Forks, N.D., at 190 miles, Emerson, Man., and at 256 miles the city of Winnipeg. The river then flows abruptly more than four miles on one side or the other from a straight line.

Tributaries of Red
The Ottertail river flows into the Red at Breckenridge, Minn., and comes from a northeasterly direction from Lake Itasca. The Bois Des Sioux flows into the Red from the south of Breckenridge and the Wild Rice river and Cheyenne river enter the Red from the west near Fargo.

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Snow Adds Misery To Emerson's Plight

BY GORDON SINCLAIR
(Free Press Staff Reporter)

EMERSON, Man. — Mid-winter or spring? It was hard to decide here Tuesday.

The half of Emerson not inundated with flood waters was blanketed with a three-inch snowfall. And just to complete the dreary picture, there is a bitter biting northeast wind churning up the snow and water.

Emerson residents have every right to feel downright disgusted by it all. But they don't. Their morale is wonderful.

Perhaps the best example of this town's spirit is offered by 92-year-old George Turner.

He arrived here in 1878, has experienced every flood since then. He's not yet ready to say definitely that this is the "worst ever," but it's "close to it now."

Monday they tried to persuade Mr. Turner to move from his home as the waters edged closer. But he elected to sit tight in his house, confident he wouldn't be flooded out.

People here didn't greet the beginning of this flood as a novelty the way they did in 1948.

The novelty soon wore thin that year. But right from the start of the present flood the attitude has been "two floods in three years is too much."

Only the school children stand to gain by the flood. It is expected rising water will soon force closing of the school.

Brightest and warmest spot in town is the Red Cross centre where Mrs. Ray Long and willing helpers keep hot coffee and sandwiches ready at all hours for flood fighters.

There, as everywhere else in Emerson, there is only one topic of conversation. The flood. "When is the crest coming? How does it compare with '48?"

You do a lot of improvising when you're in a district as badly flooded as this one is. Where else would you brush your teeth using orange crush in place of water, as one fellow did?

Or beat the cold, by going to bed fully dressed? For that matter, I don't remember ever before having to type a

NOTHING

Telegrapher Out For Big Stories

"O" means zero. But, that little bit of nothing, tacked on the wrong end of a figure, can make a world of difference.

Citizens of Emerson, Man., read with surprise in the Free Press Monday that 1,000 persons (200 families) from their town and immediate district had fled the flooding Red river.

Original copy filed at Emerson by Gordon Sinclair, Free Press staff reporter, read 100 persons (20 families).

However, an overly enthusiastic telegraph operator in Winnipeg added an extra zero to each figure.

So "nothing" is something after all.

Rail Men Fight To Save Lines

EMERSON, Man., April 25 (Special) — Women and children were being evacuated from this flood stricken town to Winnipeg Tuesday, as rail gangs fought a last-ditch battle to keep lines open to the north.

As they worked, the Red river flood level had risen another foot by 8 a.m.

Danger from flood waters increased as a snowfall equivalent to a half-inch of rain blanketed the province's south-west. At noon snow continued falling all along the Red river valley.

In Emerson, flood levels stood at 44.6 feet—four inches over the 1948 peak. Monday night's rise was the smallest since the Red boiled into the town Saturday night.

Early Tuesday, Canadian National railway officials in Winnipeg reported their main line service to the border city had been cancelled.

The Great Northern line from the south was washed out in the Noyes, N.D., yards, a mile from here.

A Canadian Pacific work train brought more workmen from Winnipeg to strengthen and sandbag the Joe River bridge, a mile north, the weakest link in the line to Winnipeg.

"They awaited a freight train load of gravel being sent from Winnipeg to shore up threatened roadbeds."

Practically deserted Emerson's water-logged downtown section was practically deserted Tuesday. The bank and telephone exchange, still in business, were being served by Canadian army workmen.

The town's Mayor W. R. Forrester, backed by his council, Tuesday asked the R.C.M.P. to close the beer parlor. Complaints had been received, he stated. A senior R.C.M.P. officer is said to be considering the request.

Power supply to the town appeared safe. Fears had been raised Monday night that the three-inch snowfall that started at 6:30 p.m. might break the lines.

The snow left a thin smudge of slushy ice atop the filthy flood waters that were being whipped by strong northeast winds.

At first light Tuesday, army men were called out to move a family living three miles from town. Two more evacuations were slated for the afternoon. By Monday night approximately 50 families had been forced to flee their dwellings.

Canadian army purifying tanks moved at the pumps when the mercury dropped Monday night, although they had been drained.

All Emerson's 12 wells were marked by Len King, provincial health inspector, as contaminated. Dr. W. Karlinski, medical health officer, stated that about 600 of the town's 900 residents had been inoculated against typhoid.

Two additional R.C.M.P. men were sent from Winnipeg Monday night to strengthen the force, which began river patrol work Tuesday.

Bunk Cars
Four additional railway bunk cars were required for families being moved from houses previously considered safe from flood waters.

Meanwhile, Canadian Red Cross authorities here and those in the United States established liaison in a joint effort of Canadian and American Red Cross societies was needed to combat emergency flood conditions.

Peter Murphy, with headquarters in Jamestown, N.D., telephoned R. H. Snyder, commissioner for the Manitoba Red Cross society, to plan the combined action.

On the Assiniboine flood front, reports from Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Headingley were that the river had dropped slightly at all points.

In the wheat city, engineer Fred Mistall stated he would be "surprised" if his city suffered flood damage this year.

Elsewhere along the Red river valley, the flood situation was this:

At Morris, authorities had decided to evacuate their old hospital and move patients to the new, but incomplete unit two blocks south. The move was delayed as the Red rose another 1.1 feet during the 16 hour period ending at 8 a.m. Tuesday and filled a coulee near the old hospital.

15 Patients To Move
Approximately 15 patients and all equipment were to be taken to the new building, which is equipped with light and heat but has no sewer or water.

Evacuation of residents from See EMERSON Page 9

Hydro Users Warned To Move Equipment
City hydro customers have been warned to remove electrical equipment endangered by flood waters. J. W. Sanger, general manager of the hydro, told members of the utilities committee Monday.

In 1948, he recalled, the hydro had been forced to cut off electricity in sections on the east side of Main street. W. D. Hurst, city engineer, said flood waters had caused no damage as yet to water mains and sewers.

Temperatures

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

Location	Min.	Max.	Prev.
Vancouver	40	49	41
Calgary	39	48	39
Edmonton	33	42	33
Swift Current	29	38	29
Saskatoon	25	35	25
Regina	24	34	24
Winnipeg	23	33	23
Port Churchill	12	19	12
Port Arthur	25	34	25
Toronto	33	40	33
Ottawa	31	38	31
Montreal	30	37	30
Halifax	32	43	32

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"You mean that's a hat???"

Local Income Tax Office Open Saturday To 6 P.M.

Man who has postponed making out his income tax returns until the last minute is getting a break.

Hon. J. J. McCann, minister of national revenue, announced Tuesday that the 22 district income tax offices across Canada will remain open Saturday afternoon until 6 p.m. Deadline for filing 1949 returns is April 30.

Meanwhile, an "unprecedented" number of individuals are filing their returns early, according to the minister's announcement.

In Winnipeg, almost half of the 220,000 citizens expected to make returns had done so by April 17. Across the dominion, 55 per cent.

Apartment Dwellers Flee Smoke In Block Fire

Fire which broke out about 3.30 Sunday morning in the Andrews restaurant, 128 Marion street, St. Boniface, forced occupants of the 24-suite Norwood Court, in which the restaurant is located, to evacuate the building.

According to St. Boniface Fire Chief Arthur Spence, the building was believed responsible for the blaze. Actual damage was confined to the restaurant, which suffered heavily from smoke and water. While none of the suites was affected, occupants had to stay out for about two hours to allow the smoke to clear. Estimate of the damage has not been set.

THEFT NOT REPAYED: MAN GETS 4 MONTHS

Elliott John Speers, 29, of no fixed abode, was sent to jail for four months when he appeared in city police court Monday on a breach of recognizance charge arising out of his failure to repay \$100 which he stole Sept. 28, in court Oct. 3. Speers was given a five-year suspended sentence for the theft on condition that he repay the money at the rate of \$35 a month to the theft victim, O. M. Kay, county prosecutor, told court Monday that Speers had not repaid any of the money.

One Hurt, Car In Ditch Following Crash

One person was slightly injured and an auto was thrown into the ditch in the impact of a two-car collision at the intersections of highways one and nine about 1 a.m. Sunday. A car operated by J. Whitehead, 739 Manitoba avenue, collided with another, operated by S. A. Rogers junior, 462 Young street. Twenty-three-year-old John Tymchuk received small cuts to the forehead in the crash, while Miss Lorna Lovelless, 18, of 1116 Garfield street, was landed unconscious. In a statement to the R.C.M.P., Rogers said he had slowed down for the intersection when the accident occurred. Damage to both cars was slight.

GRANBY PHOTO WINS CAMERA-CLUB HONORS

"Print of the Year" honors for the Y.M.C.A. Camera club were won by Joe Granby with his photo, "Scattered Showers," when members of the club staged their selection night Thursday. Prints chosen at the club's annual exhibition April 27 and at a hanging in the Hudson's Bay company store May 4 to 13. The prints will then be forwarded to Ninette sanatorium where they will be shown for two weeks.

Society Holds 34th St. George's Day Celebration

More than 100 members of the Winnipeg branch of the Royal Society of St. George attended the 34th annual banquet in the Royal Alexandra hotel Monday. The banquet marked the 72nd celebration of St. George's day in Winnipeg. Chairman and toastmaster was Sidney Grimble. Greetings from other branches were read by Michael Darracott, secretary. W. Bartram-Ferguson responded to the toast to William Shakespeare. Reply to the toast to St. George and "Merrie England" was made by Lewis St. George Stubbs. Entertainment was provided by Norman Howarth, soloist, accompanied by Charles E. Denyer.

1851 WATER WORKS MEET SLATED FOR WEDNESDAY

For the first time in its history the Canadian section of the American Water Works association will convene in Winnipeg for its annual convention next year, W. D. Hurst, city engineer, told public utilities committee Monday. He added that it will mean the converging of some 700 delegates on Winnipeg from May 21 to 23, 1951.

Ex-Winnipegger Named To Rail Freight Post

A former Winnipegger, Aitken Walker, Toronto, has been named freight traffic manager for the eastern region of the Canadian Pacific railway, it was announced recently by C. E. Jefferson, vice-president of traffic. Mr. Walker will be in charge of the company's freight traffic organization from Fort William to the Atlantic coast and will maintain headquarters in Toronto. Assistant freight traffic manager at Toronto since 1948, he began work with the Canadian Pacific railway at Winnipeg in 1911, following 13 years' experience in the operating and traffic departments of British railroads. He went to Toronto in 1934 as general freight agent and four years later to Montreal. Mr. Walker, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, was active as director in amateur theatricals in Winnipeg and Montreal.

FOUR MEETINGS SLATED FOR FREE PRESS ROOMS

Four meetings are scheduled to be held in the Free Press Board rooms and the club room Wednesday. They are: The United Scottish ladies' auxiliary in board room No. 2, at 2 p.m.; the executive committee of the Scottish Camp No. 10, Sons of Scotland in board room No. 1, at 8 p.m.; the Fort Garry Kennel club in board room No. 2 at 8 p.m.; and the Winnipeg Philatelic society in the club room at 8 p.m.

Highlight For Scots Night—The Highland Fling

Three young lasses showed an audience of more than 100 people how to do the highland fling Monday night at the Royal Templars hall, 10, Dorothy MacGarra, 9, and Jean McBeth, 11, highlighted the programme of Scottish entertainment presented by Court Osborne, No. 22, Canadian Order of Foresters. Other entertainers were: R. Dawson, Bill Merriman, Miss I. Russell, W. Wedlock, George Nesbitt and Fred Lambert. Two films on Scottish subjects were shown. The programme was arranged and directed by William Newlands and sponsored by C. W. Godfrey.

Dinner Honors Old England Man, 90

Sunday's featured dinner for Robert Beggs of Old England, Man., when he marked his 90th birthday, with a family dinner at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Beggs, with whom he resides. A pioneer resident and farmer in the district, Mr. Beggs is still in good health and is active. Born at Pic. Ont., Mr. Beggs came west to Old England with his parents at the age of three from Fort William, Ont. In 1886 he married Miss Margaret Jane Fidler, of Mapleton, Man. Mr. Beggs' family comprises two sons, Reuben and George, both of Old England, 16 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. His wife died several years ago.

B'NAI B'RITH TO INITIATE 100 NEW MEMBERS

More than 100 new members of B'nei B'rith lodge will be inducted during the visit of Samuel W. Leib, of Detroit, president of the district, Grand Lodge No. 6, Saturday and Sunday. The local degree team will be headed by S. J. Oreck, assisted by R. Kliffier, S. J. Lepic, A. Matz and H. Schutler. A luncheon meeting will be held at noon Sunday in the Marlborough hotel, when Mr. Leib will meet the central Canadian council of the B'nei B'rith along with officers of Winnipeg Lodge No. 650, Manitoba Lodge No. 1616 and Maple Leaf Lodge No. 1655. The climax to the president's visit will be an initiation night at the Hebrew Sick benefit hall, Sunday at 8 p.m.

City Spending \$3,000 Daily In Flood Battle

Mayor, Chief To Tour City Flood Areas

Mayor Garnet Coulter and Chief of Police Charles MacIver will be taken by W. D. Hurst, city engineer, on a tour of flooded areas in Greater Winnipeg, Wednesday morning.

The tour was arranged so they could get "first-hand" knowledge of the situation.

"As a trustee of the Greater Winnipeg Emergency Flood Relief fund, I feel I should see just exactly what is happening," Mayor Coulter said Tuesday.

The fund, collected in 1948, still contains \$18,500 for emergency purposes.

However, Mayor Coulter said he was not ready to declare a state of emergency.

"That will have to come later, when we get a chance to assess damage," the mayor said.



"Remember when?" Is the theme of this conversation among present executives and retired employees of the Canadian Pacific railway. The group met at the annual old-timers' luncheon of the Canadian Pacific association at the Royal Alexandra hotel Monday. Left to right are: William Manson, vice-president of the prairie region; W. C. Jones, retired instructor of sleeping car porters; E. A. Archer, retired sleeping car porter; Ernest Elsey, president of the association; C. K. Holden, who heads the executive for 1950-51, and J. N. Fraine, assistant to the vice-president and son of J. D. Fraine, retired superintendent of the Kenora division.



The one-and-one-half storey, brick and stone building, with a large garage and full basement at the rear, is the second addition to the Rupert avenue police station since it was erected in 1908.

Began almost a year ago by the Chaydon Company Limited, contractors, it boasts of latest in air conditioning, a large, well lit offices, tiled floors, and light oak panelling, extending to the ceiling, in the chief's office.

The building is designed to carry three more stories if such a need arises, Chief MacIver said.

On the main floor are offices of the chief, deputy, the general office, and the signal engineer's drafting room. Immediately below is the signals work shop, while in the basement underneath the garage is the signals store room.

The latest office equipment, valued at \$8,000 is installed in the building.

Although the building has a separate front entrance, it joins the old police station by a door opening into the main garage.

The chief's former office and general office will be occupied by the traffic department, taking them from their cramped quarters. The old traffic offices will be torn out, and the area will be used to enlarge the police muster room.

Superintendent Robert Taft, whose office was partitioned off from the muster room, will move to deputy chief George P. Jamieson's office.

Trim, Modern Police Station Wing Opens

The trim, modern \$117,000 addition to the Winnipeg police station was formally occupied Tuesday morning, when the chief, his office staff, the deputy chief and signals engineer started operations from the structure.

Old Railroaders At Luncheon

Railroading memories of these two oldtimers of the Canadian Pacific railway go back to the 1880's. Bill Risteen, left, started with the company in 1884 and Walter Hemming, right, drew his first cheque a year later. The two were "seniors" of the group of 560 company pensioners who were guests at the annual oldtimers' luncheon at the Royal Alexandra hotel Monday.

Manson Outlines Problem Facing CPR On Pay Hikes

"Profits on rail operations of the Canadian Pacific railway would be wiped out if present demands for changes in working conditions and rates of pay were granted, William Manson said Monday.

The vice-president of the railway's prairie region was speaking at the annual oldtimers' luncheon at the Royal Alexandra hotel.

"An additional \$45,000,000 annually in expenses" would result if the demands were agreed to, Mr. Manson told the 560 pensioners.

Describing the effect of increasing costs upon railway operation, Mr. Manson said that in 1949 the rate of return on the net investment of the company in rail property was only 1.96 per cent.

"No industrial business could remain on a sound footing for long at that rate of return," he commented.

Cites Tax Case

Mr. Manson also dealt briefly with the Winnipeg tax case in which the city is seeking \$350,000 a year in taxes from the Canadian Pacific railway which now pays approximately \$60,000 annually in taxes. Had the company not made Winnipeg its western headquarters, taxes in the city "would not have amounted to much at any time," he said.

In welcoming the pensioners, Mr. Manson noted that there were now 29 among them over 80 years of age.

"Singled out as 'senior old-timer' was Joe Thompson, of 1023 Ingersoll street, whose service with the company started in 1882 and who retired in 1925 as a section foreman.

Other veterans named by Mr. Manson included Fred Fogg, 373 Toronto street and Mike Sullivan, 823 Goulding street, who started in 1883; Bill (Kid) Risteen of 691 Jessie avenue, who went on the

TO MEET THURSDAY

Annual meeting of Windsor Community club will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. at Glenview college, St. Vital. Besides the election of officers and the presentation of annual reports, the programme will include the presentation of crests to the Windsor Pee Wees, champions of the St. Vital Community club athletic association Pee Wee hockey league.

ST. JAMES KIWANIS TO HEAR LANGUAGE TOPIC

W. A. Kennedy will speak on "Our International Language" at a meeting of the St. James Kiwanis club at 5.35 p.m. Tuesday in Moore's restaurant. Three members of the American Legion will be guests.

The Winnipeg Gladioli society will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Trinity hall. McCaw will speak on "The Judges' Point of View." A business session will also be held.



Men, Trucks Work Round The Clock

The city of Winnipeg is spending close to \$3,000 every day in its efforts to hold back river flood waters.

A. J. Taunton, deputy city engineer, revealed Tuesday that labor costs alone total \$2,000 daily, while the hiring of trucks and equipment cost the city an additional \$800.

Altogether, about 232 city workmen are now busy fighting the flood and are working three shifts daily to keep the fight going 24 hours a day.

The triple shift started last Tuesday, which brings total flood expenditure up to about \$14,000 so far. In 1948, about \$20,000 was the total amount spent on fighting floods which lasted about 10 days.

"I think it will definitely be more than \$20,000 this year," commented W. D. Hurst, city engineer, Tuesday. He added that the flood crest has yet to reach Winnipeg.

Some 33 trucks, mostly hired, are being used now by the city engineering department for hauling purposes, and about 10 pumps are in use at potentially dangerous sewers.

"Actually, we are in better shape this year than in 1948. We learned through bitter experience. Obstruction.

Most of the necessary dikes have been brought up to the proper height, catch basins have been dammed, and city crews are preparing to man more pumps when the water starts rising more rapidly.

The permanent dikes built along Churchill drive and behind the municipal hospitals are going to solve a lot of trouble," Mr. Taunton said. He said that much less work had to be put into these dikes, and, as a result, crews could be used elsewhere.

Excavation mud from sewer projects such as the McPhillips street sewer is being used for dike construction.

Very Rev. S. W. Sawchuk Honored Church Administrator To Get Divinity Degree

Very Rev. S. W. Sawchuk, administrator of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church in Canada, will receive the degree of doctor of divinity (honoris causa) at the first convocation of St. Andrew's college in Winnipeg Friday at 8 p.m. in the college library.

It is the first honorary degree of doctor of divinity to be conferred.

Six Graduates

At the same convocation the college will confer diplomas in theology (licentiate in theology) to six graduates. They are: Steve Hunkavich, Orest Kulyk, Metro Luchak, Andrew Matwichek, Myron Pecholok, and Steve Zuzak. Mr. Hunkavich, Mr. Pecholok and Mr. Kulyk are to be ordained by the American Ukrainian Orthodox church and the other three are to become priests of the Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church of Canada.

Prof. Dmitri Martynovsky, dean of the faculty of theology, will present the candidates for the diplomas and the doctorate.

Principal F. T. Hawryluk will preside. W. Sawchuk, registrar, will robe Mr. Sawchuk.

Senate Commendation

A resolution of the senate unanimously commends Mr. Sawchuk "for his long and distinguished service to the church as its administrator, on the 30th anniversary of his ordination, for the recognition of his work as priest, social worker, educator of the youth, great leader of the Ukrainian people in Canada, chaplain in the Canadian army in the last war, founder and supporter of St. Andrew's college in Winnipeg, author and writer of many theological treatises and works, contributor and co-editor of the church official paper, Wistnyk."

Mr. Sawchuk was born Feb. 14, 1905, in Wilchewy, Western Ukraine, coming to Canada in 1925 with his parents who settled on a farm near Ingersoll, Sask.

Ordained in 1926.

He was ordained as priest of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox church in 1920. In 1922 he became administrator of the church and has held this position ever since. In 1932 an ecclesiastical school was opened in Winnipeg for education of new priests for the church and Mr. Sawchuk became its first warden. From 1942 to 1946 he served as a chaplain of the Canadian armed forces overseas. In 1946 St. Andrew's college was founded. It is the building formerly used by St. John's college, on Church avenue.

St. Boniface Aldermen Reject Move To Halt Police-Cost Study

St. Boniface council voted Monday night to continue with investigations into cost of R.C.M.P. policing of the city.

A motion by Ald. Louis Leger requesting the original decision be withdrawn and that council continue to support the St. Boniface police force, was defeated.

Protesting the suggested cancellation, Ald. J. B. T. Hebert declared the public "given a matter not ready to be discussed in open meeting."

Supported by Ald. J. G. Van Belleghem and Ald. W. Ormiston, he contended the three-man fact finding committee had not yet introduced a report, and that council has no power to make a resolution until a full report was in.

"The committee has merely approached the authorities with a request for information," said Ald. Ormiston. If the report dealing with salaries and schedules showed policing could mean a saving to St. Boniface citizens, it was council's duty to look into the matter.

Contesting this point of view, Mayor George MacIver said: "Any dollars we might save by destroying the prestige of our city ought to be thrown into the Red River. No matter what the report is, I would vote against it because I think we have one of the best police forces in the country."

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Winnipeg Foundation Lists Grants, \$64,500 For Local Welfare Services

Grants totalling \$64,500 to Greater Winnipeg charitable and welfare services for 1950 have been made by the Winnipeg Foundation.

Chief Justice E. A. McPherson, chairman of the advisory board, announced the grants Tuesday.

Largest allocation is that of \$8,900 to the Winnipeg General hospital.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind \$2,000

Children's Aid Society of Winnipeg (prevention work) 6,000

Children's Aid Society of Winnipeg (receiving shelter) 1,500

Children's Hospital of Winnipeg 7,000

Family Bureau of Winnipeg 5,000

Jewish Old Folks' home 500

Joan of Arc home 500

Kindergarten Settlement association 500

Knights of Columbus 4,000

Sir Hugh John Macdonald Hostel for Boys 2,500

Middlechurch Old Folks' home a/c 1949 deficit 1,000

St. Agnes Priory for Girls 2,000

St. Joseph's Vocational school 1,500

Sisters of Service Girls Residential club 500

Victoria Order of Nurses 3,000

Winnipeg General hospital (for equipment) 1,500

Young Men's Christian association 2,000

Young Women's Christian association 1,500

In addition a special grant of \$5,000 is to be paid to the Young Men's Christian association and \$1,500 to the Young Women's Christian association to carry on group work and neighborhood clubs for boys and girls.

Grants also include \$2,000 to the school of social work of the University of Manitoba.

At the beginning of the year provisional grants were made to assist in meeting the needs of charitable institutions and services for the first quarter only. The grants now announced are to cover the twelve-month period commencing the first of April.

ROTARY TO HEAR FRENCH-CONSUL

Count Serge de Fleury, French consul in Winnipeg, will speak on "France of Today" at a luncheon meeting of the Winnipeg Rotary club at 12.20 p.m. Wednesday in the Royal Alexandra hotel.

FLOOD MENACE EASES IN WINNIPEG

Manitoba Storm Piles Up New Trouble

U.S. Adds Funds For Air Might

WASHINGTON, April 26 (BUP) — The house appropriations committee Wednesday approved \$350,000,000 in extra defence funds to be used mainly for buying more warplanes.

Meanwhile, Dean Acheson, secretary of state, served notice Wednesday that when planned Communist disturbances in Berlin next month are over, the western powers will still be there.

He said it had been made quite clear that all three western powers, the United States, Britain and France, intend to remain very firm in the face of the planned Communist demonstrations.

The house appropriations committee acted after Louis Johnson, defence secretary, told sub-committees the extra money is necessary at this critical world period. He warned that the world situation will require additional defence spending in future years.

Mr. Johnson had asked for \$553,000,000. The other \$203,000,000 would have restored a cut previously made in the defence department appropriation by the committee. Chairman Clarence Cannon said the committee will consider later whether to put back any or all of that amount.

The \$350,000,000 addition approved by the committee would raise the defence establishment's total for 12 months starting July 1 to \$14,361,273,000.

Previously secret details on advanced U.S. weapons for defence against air and ground attack were disclosed Wednesday.

The weapons include:

1. Two air force jet fighter planes, the Republic YF-96A and the Lockheed F-97, not yet officially announced.

2. Army anti-aircraft rockets and guided missiles said to be able to destroy bombers flying above 60,000 feet.

3. A potent anti-tank weapon. The U.S. navy Tuesday disclosed plans to build radically new type submarines—one to be atomic powered—and to convert a cruiser into a guided-missile combat vessel.

These construction plans were made known in a request to congress for authority to build 112 vessels of varying types.

Admiral Forrest Sherman, chief of naval operations, told the house committee of representatives that the committee's recommendations were put before Louis Johnson, defence secretary, Feb. 13.

Admiral Sherman said the proposed programme would cost \$335,000,000.

The submarine may be completed by the end of 1952 and be equipped with atomic torpedoes.

NEW INDONESIA REVOLT
JAKARTA, Indonesia, April 26 (AP) — A new revolt against the central Indonesian government was reported Wednesday to have broken out in the state of East Indonesia.



Filling and carrying sandbags is no easy job under any conditions. Wednesday's wind-driven snow made it even tougher for these residents and volunteer workers in the Elm Park district. Some of the volunteers are members of the Winnipeg

Junior Chamber of Commerce. Crews have been working through the day and into the night erecting sandbag barricades in this and many other low-lying sections of Greater Winnipeg since the Red river began to overflow its banks.

Snow Cripples Traffic

Transportation throughout Manitoba ground into low gear Wednesday as a combination of floods and a 48-hour snowfall took its toll on roads and highways.

Road traffic between Winnipeg and the United States was virtually cut off as the snow and uncontrolled water made No. 75 highway impassable between Morris and the U.S. border.

In Winnipeg four of the snow sweepers that worked throughout the night clearing tram tracks were derailed, three of them during the morning rush hour, making many late for work and necessitating emergency service.

No bus service was operating beyond Morris on the Canada-U.S. highway. Passengers were transferred at Morris to the Great Northern railway which connected with the bus route for Minneapolis at Crookston, Minn.

Great Northern trains were using Soo Line tracks between Noyes and Erskine, Minn., while crews worked to bolster their own lines. Service was slowed because of the deluge.

Buses Cut Off
Bus lines to Deloraine through Carman and another to Swan Lake, Nipette and Elgin were still not operating.

In Winnipeg, where 4.7 inches of snow had fallen during the 48 hours ending at 8 a.m., weather forecasters stated the end of the storm was in sight.

With its centre moving into Lake Superior, it had extended as far west as Dauphin, east to James Bay, south to Lake Michigan and north to Hodgson, Man., they said.

Winnipeg was barely touched by its north-west edge.

Most snow had fallen at Boissevain where 8.8 inches was recorded; at Pierson, Man., the measurement was eight inches.

During the 48 hour period three inches of snow fell on flood-battered Emerson adding to the misery of emergency crews and those evacuated to box cars and temporary shelters.

Plows from the provincial public works department worked throughout southern Manitoba clearing the wet, heavy snow.

A survey of country points revealed side-roads passable in most places.

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"This One May Top 'Em All"

BY GORDON SINCLAIR
Free Press Staff Reporter
EMERSON, Man., April 26 (Special) — "This one may be the grand-daddy of them all."

An 85-year-old veteran of six floods here in the past 68 years made the prediction Wednesday.

C. A. Whitman gazed thoughtfully at the swiftly moving current of swirling flood water outside his window.

Then he reckoned "this beats the floods of 1882, '93, 1916 and 1948."

"About another foot and it'll be equal to the 1897 one. I've kept saying it wouldn't be as bad as that one. But now I'm beginning to doubt that."

By Mr. Whitman's calculations, if and when the water level reaches 45.0 feet this 1897 peak will have been equalled.

A reading of more than 46 feet has been predicted for Emerson when the crest arrives.

The 1882, 1893 and 1948 floods, Mr. Whitman figured, were about the same.

"And in 1916 one was only a sample," Mrs. Whitman interjected.

"That's the one we should remember. We were married that year," she smiled.

1897 Recalled
"Folks think this dirty weather were having now is bad. But it couldn't touch Easter Sunday, 1897," Mr. Whitman recalled.

"There was snow on the ground then too and a tremendous wind was blowing. It kept the water down for a couple of days. Then it came up twice as fast."

Mr. Whitman arrived here in 1882 when the Red was on the rampage. He was in the department.

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Israel Says U.K. Creating East Crisis

TEL AVIV, April 26 — Israel charged Tuesday that Britain is encouraging "an explosive situation in the Middle East" by supplying arms to Arab states while maintaining an embargo against Israel.

The spokesman said the "process by which British-trained and British-equipped armies are once more being built up round Israel's borders is accompanied by an arms embargo directed exclusively against Israel."

Of Monday's house of commons statement by Ernest Davies, foreign affairs undersecretary, that Britain was honoring agreements by sending arms to Arab states, the Israeli spokesman remarked:

"This statement will not reassure Israel or anyone else concerned with peace in the Middle East."

Information available here indicated the deliveries have no relation to security requirements, the spokesman said.

"One does not need numbers of heavy bombers, jet fighters, heavy tanks and warships for policing Cairo."

1826 Flood Was Worst On Record

This is the second in a series of articles from an address by W. D. Hurst, Winnipeg city engineer, on the Red river valley flood problem.

BY W. D. HURST
Winnipeg City Engineer

The greatest flood in the recorded history of the Red River Valley occurred in Winnipeg in 1826. Prior to 1823 there had been a series of dry years when the sloughs dried up and the rivers merely trickled.

The spring of 1825 was wet. Bishop Provencher said, referring to this year: "The water is considerably higher this year than it has been heretofore. It has entirely covered the prairies at Pembina and above and has flooded all the houses of the place with the exception of the chapel and there it has entered several feet deep."

The following year, 1826, he says: "The winter started early and has continued with bad weather and cold. Our Red river has not behaved itself this year. The water was long and very severe. The ice did not go out till May 5th and it (the landscape) was still, at that time, no greener."

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Labor Ekes Out 5-Vote Margin, Defeats Tories In By-Election

LONDON, April 26 (CP) — By a margin of five votes the Labor government Wednesday stayed off two Conservative challenges which if successful might have forced a new election in Britain. The votes came on tax measures introduced last week in the 1950-51 budget. In each case the Conservative motions were defeated by 304 to 299.

Ol' Man Red Rolls On Repeating '48 Story

BY CORY KILVERT
Main course of the Red river flood of 1950 to date has followed almost exactly the pattern set down by the flooding river in 1948. A glance at newspaper files of two years ago shows that, so far, dates and river levels of 1948 and 1950 tally almost to the exact day and foot of water.

As it did two years ago, the first big story on Red river floods in Manitoba appeared April 19.

FREE PRESS 1948
April 19 — "Worst Floods in History Sweep Southern Manitoba" Among towns hit: Gretna, Rosenfeld, Horndean and Plum Coulee.

Railways and highways cut by water. Dikes break at Rosenfeld. River level at Winnipeg — 13.5 feet above datum.

FREE PRESS 1950
April 19 — Ice reported jammed at Sugar Island north of Selkirk. Selkirk docks under water. River level Winnipeg — 16.0 feet. River level Emerson — 39.4 feet.

April 21 — Red river at Winnipeg within four feet of flood level (flood level in 1948 was 22 feet) Water two feet over highway at St. Jean. Winnipeg level — 18 feet. Emerson — 40.5 feet.

April 22 — River level at Winnipeg — 19.2 feet above datum. At Emerson — 41.82 feet.

April 23 — "Suburban Families Flee Homes." Winnipeg — 20.3 feet. Emerson — 43 feet.

April 24 — "Red River Flood Crest Rolls Toward Emerson." Winnipeg — 21.5 feet. Emerson — 43.75 feet. Rainfall aggravates flood conditions.

April 25 — (Sunday) Winnipeg 20.5 feet. Emerson 41.85 feet.

"City Suburbs Losing Flood Battle." Winnipeg — 21.4 feet. Emerson — 44.6 feet.

Snowfall adds to misery of flooded-out citizens. "Weather Halls Rise in Red at City." Winnipeg — 21.4 feet. Emerson — 44.6 feet.

"Red's Rise at Emerson Slows Down." "City Report Shows River Drops 2 Feet." Winnipeg — 21.2 feet. Emerson — 44.8 feet.

April 27 — River level at Emerson unchanged. Winnipeg — 22.7 feet. Emerson — 44.2 feet.

April 28 — Winnipeg — 23 feet.

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CONVINCED?

Water Engineer's Prediction Sours

Caught in the backwash of his own optimism this week was D. B. Gow, district engineer, water and power division of the dominion government.

A month ago, Mr. Gow, keeping his fingers crossed, advised that there was no cause for alarm — that a bad flood seemed unlikely.

This week, as waters lapped around his home at 313 Kings-ton crescent, Mr. Gow uncrossed his fingers and moved out, with movable belongings.

Daily Traffic Pointer

Pedestrians walking on a road shall keep to the extreme left side, and any driver approaching and passing them shall drive as close to the centre of the road as possible. If, however, sidewalks are provided and if they are passable, pedestrians must use them and keep off the roads.

Floor Of 52½ Cents For Butter Disclosed

OTTAWA, Ont., April 26 — Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, agriculture minister, Wednesday in the commons announced that the government will support the wholesale butter market at 53 cents a pound in the east and 52½ cents a pound in western Canada.

The 53-cent price will apply on shipments to Saint John, N.B., Halifax, Montreal and Toronto. The 52½-cent price will apply on shipments to Vancouver.

The new 1950 price is a reduction from the 1949 support price of approximately 58 cents a pound. The new price goes into effect May 1, and will continue until April 30, 1951.

The immediate effect is to reduce the value of the government's own unsold butter stocks, which are expected to

Liquor Price Cut On Some Brands Due On Thursday

Price drops on a limited number of imported rums, brandies, wines and gins are expected to be announced Thursday by the government liquor control commission. The Free Press was informed Wednesday.

Lower prices averaging five per cent, on certain lines of imported liquors became effective last month in Saskatchewan, resulting from devaluation of the pound sterling. At that time officials here stated that Manitoba stocks in these lines were expected to last another month before the lower prices could be put into effect.

Small Talk



"You're late again, Herbert..."

River Rise Slows Up At Border

Winnipeg's flood picture looked a little brighter Wednesday for the first time since flood waters hit the city, according to the city engineering department.

Red river level at the James avenue pumping station at 1 p.m. Wednesday was 21.2 feet above datum. The river has remained at approximately this height for more than 24 hours. It is a drop of .2 feet from the high recorded Monday.

Reports from Emerson say the rise of the river has slowed to one-quarter inch per hour. At this border town, where flood waters are nearly a foot above the 1948 high, the river went up a little over six inches in the past 24 hours.

Overnight the Red at Letellier, Man., just north of Emerson, rose above the 1948 peak high. At all other points between this town and St. Norbert, Man., rises of from eight inches to a foot were reported. At St. Norbert, 14 miles south of Winnipeg, the river level remained unchanged.

A crest eight-tenths of a foot higher than the 1948 peak was predicted for Emerson, by the United States corps of engineers at St. Paul, Wednesday.

In a telegram to W. D. Hurst, Winnipeg city engineer, the U.S. corps said the Red river crested at Grand Forks, Minn., Tuesday at 44 feet. Based on this figure, the American engineers forecast a crest of 45½ feet at Emerson on April 29.

If the engineers' prediction proves correct, this will give Emerson a crest 8 feet above the peak 1948 flood level.

One expert, when told of the U.S. engineers' forecast said that the crest might hit Winnipeg next Wednesday. Although weather conditions might speed or slow this development.

Official figures, taken at 5 a.m. Wednesday are:

Water	Distance under
Emerson	21.2 feet
Grand Forks	44 feet
Letellier	21.2 feet
St. Jean Baptiste	21.2 feet
St. Norbert	21.2 feet
St. Paul	21.2 feet
Winnipeg	21.2 feet

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Min.	Max.	Prev.
Vancouver	28	44
Calgary	28	44
Edmonton	32	51
Swift Current	28	43
Saskatoon	22	43
Regina	23	40
Brandon	20	32
Winnipeg	22	28
Port Churchill	1	17
Port Arthur	24	28
Toronto	41	48
Ottawa	37	49
Montreal	42	50
Halifax	34	50

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FLOODS GIVE MORRIS DOUBLE BLOW



Looking north-west from the air, this is what Morris looked like Thursday through the viewfinder of a Free Press photographer's camera. At lower right is Mary street, completely water-logged. At extreme left is the washout of highway No. 75. Red river backwaters fill the picture's middle distance. Snow in the background poses a further threat to the much-suffering town in the event of a fast thaw.

Off the picture, but apparent from the air, is the mass of flood water that follows Mary street south for several blocks before fanning out over the town's north-east sector.

(Free Press Air Photo)

All-Time High Level Hits Border Towns

The flood-swollen Red river Thursday was wreaking fresh havoc along its course as the level at Morris, halfway between stricken Emerson and Winnipeg, rose to within inches of the 1948 peak. Town officials at Morris, where citizens have now taken to boats to get through some streets, were freely predicting that the flood would reach record proportions in their town.

No Cut In Beef Price Seen Before May 15

OTTAWA, April 27 (CP) — A sharp climb in beef prices has been recorded across Canada in the last few weeks and government and industry experts say no relief is expected until the middle of next month.

Advances of between five and 12 cents a pound for various beef cuts have been reported in almost every major Canadian centre, including Vancouver, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa and Halifax. Officials say the jump has been caused by off-season scarcity and by a continuing high demand for Canadian steaks in the United States. As a result there has been a marked boost in consumption of lower-priced pork.

Pork now is the No. 1 item on the Canadian dinner table. Consumption is estimated at 59.5 pounds a year on a per capita basis, compared with 56.5 pounds of beef. Veal is 9.1 pounds; mutton and lamb, 3.0; offals, 5.6 and canned meats 5.7.

With demand for beef ranging high in Canada and in the U.S. the question of supply is growing more important daily and the immediate outlook appears to be for a smaller output this year than a year ago.

Last year Canada produced 1,047,000,000 pounds of beef, a drop of about 50,000,000 pounds from the previous year. Officials estimate that another 50,000,000-pound drop may occur this year.

This decrease will continue, say officials, until Canadian ranchers can replenish their herds, depleted by the drive of live Canadian animals into the American market since the export embargo was lifted in August, 1948.

Lifting of the embargo has resulted in the American market consuming about one-third of Canadian beef production. While this was one factor in higher Canadian prices, it also was a factor in an increase of Canada's U.S. dollar reserves.

However, the price situation may be eased after Canadian ranchers start moving grass-fed cattle to market, expected about mid-May. From then on, through summer months, Canadian beef prices may be a few cents a pound lower.

Meanwhile, pork prices have been dropping a few cents a pound in some cities. But the demand has been sufficient to keep prices higher than those Canada can get from her top foreign pork market — the United Kingdom.

As a result, Canada may not be able to fulfill the 1950 Anglo-Canadian bacon contract which calls for shipment of 60,000,000 pounds at 29 cents a pound. About 10,000,000 pounds have been shipped so far.

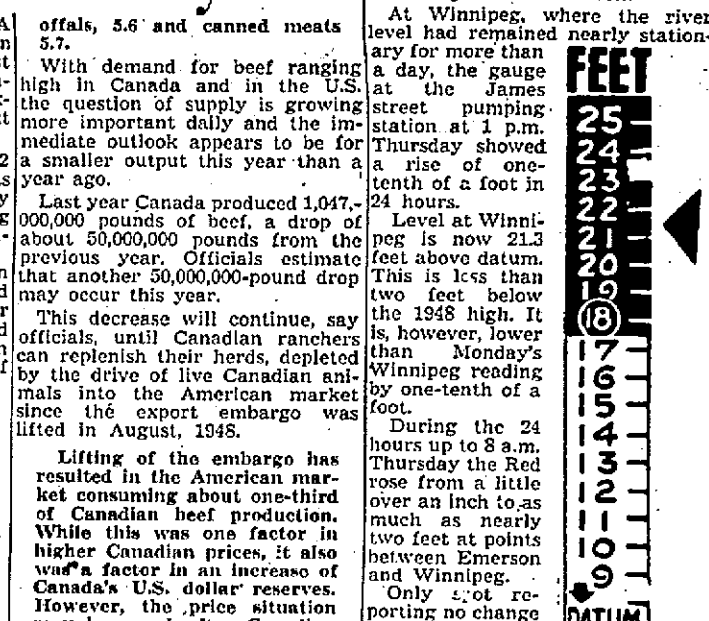
Canadians are expected to consume most of the almost 1,000,000,000 pounds of pork likely to be produced this year.

Here is the way the meat-price picture stacks up across western Canada:

In Winnipeg, beef prices have been moving up a cent or two at a time during the last few weeks. Porterhouse is selling at 68; sirloin, 66 and wings at 68. Pork butts are going at 38 and loin cuts at 45.

In Vancouver, retail prices for beef have increased 10 cents a pound during the last few weeks, but pork prices have remained steady. Sirloin steaks are selling from 80 to 95 cents a pound; minced round steak at 80-85 and hamburger at 60-75.

Calgary's beef prices went up 10 to 12 cents, while pork increased about 1 1/2 cents a pound. Porterhouse steaks are going at about 89 to 92 cents a pound; sirloin and round at about 85 to 89. Calgary's pork prices range from 49 cents a pound for shoulder to 59 for loin.



During the 24 hours up to 8 a.m. Thursday the Red rose from a little over an inch to as much as nearly two feet at points between Emerson and Winnipeg.

Only 5.07 feet of water was reported at St. Norbert, just south of the city.

The rising waters of the Red at Letellier, Man., first town north of Emerson, went over the top of the river level gauge and an accurate reading was not available.

At Morris, where the river crept up 1.8 feet, at St. Jean Baptiste the rise was recorded as 9 feet, at St. Agathe, 6 feet.

With the peak now definitely past Grand Forks, N.D., this city reported a drop of almost a foot in the 24-hour period.

In a fast-paced movement, flood waters of the Red and Morris rivers combined Thursday to surround and partially swamp the town of Morris, 30 miles south of Winnipeg.

The uncontrolled waters cut the town off from road traffic while evacuations continued from its north-east section.

As the flood submerged part of the main street at the north end of the town and swirled into side avenues:

1. Dikes were thrown up around the new hospital to which patients had been evacuated from the old building 24 hours before.

2. Railway officials deliberated whether to weight a bridge in the northeast corner, a half mile from the town.

3. The south approach to the highway No. 75 bridge on the north edge of the town was under 30 inches of water for a 150-yard stretch.

By noon Thursday evacuations from town dwellings numbered 50 families. Four sleeping cars spotted on the C.N.R. tracks accommodated 44 persons Wednesday night.

Hardest hit section of the town was in the northeast. From the east came the water of the Red river, from the northwest that of the Morris.

"By Sunday we expect to be as badly hit as Emerson," said Mayor Harry Shevman, M.L.A. Morris' terrain is flat.

The Morris river had cut the highway to the west at a point four miles outside the town. The one to the east was under flood water from the Red river a mile away. To the south the highway had been cut near Morris and St. Jean Baptiste.

Canadian National and Canadian Pacific tracks to Morris were still intact, although water lapped three feet below the rails of the bridge in the northwest corner.

Hospital flooded. Backwaters of the Morris, which earlier forced evacuation of an old hospital to a new one two blocks away, Thursday threatened the new quarters.

Dikes were thrown up to surround the hospital as the waters

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U.K. Hikes Freight Rate To Take Effect May 15

LONDON, April 27 (BUP) — The government increased railroad freight rates Thursday and Labor's opponents said the move placed Britain's two-year wage freeze in the balance.

Rt. Hon. George Barnes, transport minister, said "no serious effect upon the cost of living is foreseen" as a result of the increase, which will go into effect on the country's nationalized railroads May 15.

Late Spring Thaw Held Flood Factor

This is the third in a series of articles from an address by W. D. Hurst, Winnipeg city engineer, on the Red river valley flood problem.

BY W. D. HURST
Winnipeg City Engineer

The conditions giving rise to a flood in the Red river valley are quite definite and are as follows:

A cold winter starting early with little snow at first so that the ice on rivers and lakes will be abnormally thick, followed by a heavy snowfall throughout the county with continued cold weather. Then a late cold spring so that little snow escapes into the rivers; then in May, and usually not before, a sudden change of the wind to the south so that the whole mass of snow melts at once precipitating its vast volume of water into every stream.

Browder Blast At Budenz: 'Lies, All Lies'

WASHINGTON, April 27 — Earl Browder, former leader of American Communists, said under oath Thursday that Louis F. Budenz gave "false" testimony when he said Browder had termed Owen Lattimore a Communist.

He told senate investigators that "to the best of my knowledge and belief" there are no Communists in the U.S. state department.

Mr. Browder, expelled from the Communist party in 1946, said that if he knew of any Communists in the department he would say so but that he doesn't know of any.

He also told the committee that he has never met Owen Lattimore but knows him by reputation "as a person of anti-Communist views of very profound character."

Specifically and flatly, Mr. Browder contradicted testimony from Louis F. Budenz that Lattimore's name came up at a meeting of Communist leaders in New York city in October, 1937.

In testimony that could lay either himself or Budenz open to perjury charges, Browder told the committee there never was such a meeting.

He said "it is hard to imagine how even a professional perjurer could think up" testimony such as Budenz gave a senate foreign relations sub-committee that Mr. Lattimore is a Communist.

Mr. Budenz, an ex-Communist, made the statement last week to the senate foreign relations sub-committee investigating charges of Senator Joseph McCarthy (R. Wis.) that the state department is harboring many Communists and fellow-travelers.

Mr. Lattimore, far eastern affairs specialist and Johns Hopkins university professor, has denied under oath that he ever was a Communist or a Red sympathizer.

PEARSON'S TRIP
OTTAWA, April 27 (BUP) — Hon. L. B. Pearson, external affairs minister, will leave for London on the week-end of May 6 to attend the North-Atlantic security council meeting, he said Thursday.

FRANCE MAY FIRE RED ATOMIC RESEARCH HEAD
PARIS, April 27 (BUP) — Members of the French national assembly said Thursday that the cabinet might fire Frederic Joliot-Curie, the Communist who heads France's atomic energy programme.

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Temperatures

Temperature readings during the 24 hour period ending at 6:30 a.m. Thursday were:	Min.	Max.	Prec.
Vancouver	39	46	.24
Calgary	36	41	.06
Edmonton	32	39	.03
Swift Current	22	30	.01
Saskatoon	24	41	.01
Regina	24	40	.01
Brandon	16	32	.02
Winnipeg	20	38	.01
Port Churchill	28	35	.01
Port Arthur	19	35	.10
Toronto	31	52	.01
Ottawa	31	50	.01
Montreal	42	53	.01
Halifax	40	55	.04

Holland Vote Trims Down Communists

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands, April 27 (BUP) — Final returns from Wednesday's elections for seats in provincial legislatures showed Thursday that other parties had increased their strength at the expense of the Communist party.

The middle-of-the-road Catholic People's party was first in the race with 169 seats, one more than the party polled in 1946, when the last election was held.

The Communists lost 27 seats, trimming the number of their members to 31 in local legislatures throughout the country. The Labor party won 156 seats. The rest of the seats were divided among other parties.

Tito Woos Greece, Widens Soviet Break

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, April 27 (BUP) — Marshal Tito moved another step away from Russia Thursday by ending his diplomatic boycott of the non-Communist Greek government and proclaiming his readiness to do more business with the west.

Tito spoke before the new Yugoslav parliament just after it re-elected him premier by unanimous vote.

He said Yugoslavia had not abandoned hope of friendly relations with Russia, but that was impossible so long as the Soviets assailed the Yugoslavs with "untrue" and "invented" charges.

Tito called for good neighborly relations not only with Greece but also with Italy, and for increasing co-operation with Austria. He voiced hope that increased collaboration with Italy would help solve the dispute over Trieste in a calm and friendly manner.

Accusing the communist of meddling in Yugoslav affairs, Tito said he was ready to increase collaboration with countries that respected Yugoslavia's "equality." He spoke of economic aid extended to him by the United States.

Daily Traffic Pointer
It is an offence to throw or deposit on roads any glass, nails, scraps of metal, or any other material injurious to vehicle tires.

Any burning articles, such as flaming matches, pipe ashes or glowing cigarette butts, are not to be thrown out of car windows.

Butter Price In City May Be Cut 5 Cents

The federal government's announcement of a five-cent cut in the floor price of butter is expected to mean a four to five-cent decrease in price to the consumer, officials of Winnipeg's dairy industries said Thursday.

Price of retail butter in Winnipeg Thursday stood at 60 cents on the average. By Monday the price is expected to average 55 cents, a dairy official said.

Wholesalers generally agreed retail prices would reflect the five cent floor price decline.

Spokesmen for Canada Packers and Swift Canadian company in Winnipeg declared Thursday no price reductions "would be noticeable" until Monday. A slight loss may result in cream prices Saturday, but this would be negligible.

Dairy officials pointed out that recent floods had limited the stocks of producers' butter deliveries. In addition, a price drop had been anticipated by many retailers and wholesalers and most of them had operated on low stocks in order to cut their losses.

In Winnipeg, dairy company officials said butter surpluses would be absorbed by the dairy products board, with a minimum of loss.

Support Price Cut — OTTAWA, April 27 (CP) — The government Wednesday announced it would requisition cheddar cheese and slashed the support price of creamy butter by five cents a pound.

Hon. J. G. Gardiner, agriculture minister, disclosed that the government still has in storage almost 19,500,000 pounds of butter bought last year and said this would be sold at the government's new selling price which goes into effect May 1—53 cents a pound in central Canada and slight variations in the west and east.

An agricultural official, amplifying this remark, said it would mean a loss to the government of about \$1,300,000 on the amount of butter the government now has in storage. The butter was bought at about 58 cents a pound, for sale at 60 1/2 cents.

Further Government Loss — This is in addition to any possible loss suffered by dealers who had bought government butter at the old price of 60 1/2 cents a pound and who have not been able to move the stocks, by the end of April, Mr. Gardiner already has announced that the government will absorb this loss as well.

The new selling price for butter will be 53 cents a pound on deliveries in Ontario and Quebec. In Halifax it may be about one cent higher and in Vancouver about three-quarters of a cent lower.

Requisitioning of Cheddar cheese, in Ontario and Quebec, will begin May 1 to meet the 1950 Anglo-Canadian cheese contract which calls for shipment of 85,000,000 pounds.

This will mean that all available cheddar in the two provinces will be bought up by the government at the support level of 27 cents, basis delivery at factories, and Mr. Gardiner said the requisitioning will go on until sufficient cheese has been bought up to meet the contract.

Come Hail Or High Water, Tax Deadline Still April 30
BY HUGH BOYD
OTTAWA, April 27 (Special) — Regardless of the devastating Manitoba floods, there will be no extension of the deadline for filing income tax returns beyond April 30. Taxation officials here are definite on this point.

Two years ago, when floods were on a wider scale, causing particular havoc in British Columbia, the deadline was extended one month, to May 31. But this move is not to be repeated this year.

Only Trouble — Officials pointed out that the only trouble a taxpayer could face is having to pay a penalty for late filing, and they said that the department always takes into account special circumstances which prevent an individual from filing in time. Therefore they believe a lenient attitude would be taken as far as residents of the flood areas are concerned.

"But remember," one official remarked, "these people have had from Jan. 1 to get in their returns. The floods descended on them only within the last couple of weeks."

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Small Talk



"Clancy, that's shure a sad tale!"

Success! with DOMESTIC SHORTENING

Robins Here, Worms Late; Crumbs, Dried Fruit Helps

Don't let Robin Redbreast's plump appearance fool you, 'cause he's probably really hungry.

Winnipeg's robin population is having a hard time finding fodder this spring because of the hard-frozen ground, according to city bird authorities.

Keeping Warm

They may look fat and healthy, but that's because they've stuffed their feathers to keep warm," one expert told the Free Press.

He advised bird lovers to put out dried fruit and crumbs to replace the usual worm diet.

"As a matter of fact, Winnipeg's customary spring influx of feathered migrants has been very tardy this year," he added.

In fact, it's about the worst season we've ever heard of. They were very late in coming," he pointed out.

10 Days Late

The usual date for the start of the visiting season is April 4, for robins, anyway. This spring, they were about 10 days late.

Most robins spend their winters in the central United States, where they flock in huge numbers, and then gradually work their way north.

Miss Sally Warnock, secretary of the Humane society, urged bird lovers to place scraps of raw meat at convenient feeding places for the robins.

Concert Staged For 200 At Good Neighbors Club

For some 200 men of the Good Neighbors club, Sunday meant an evening of music, song and entertainment, when members of the Caruthers concert party staged their show in the clubrooms, 181 McErmott avenue east.

The troupe appeared under the direction of George E. Arnold, with Miss June Eastman as accompanist. Participating artists included: Fred Partridge, Leona Schiele, Marg, Leon, Victor Chernick, Joy Arnold, Paul Jacobson, Karl Reiter, Elaine Webster, Jimmy Southern, Frances Anne Southern, Pat McGrath, Dennis Freha, Lorraine Grescoe, Ronny Myers, Ernestine Cross, Penny Muir, Lorraine Martin, Pat Leslie, Beverly George, Valerie Pickup, Arlene Freha, Pat Caplette, Elka Chan, Gordon Russell, Leo Kelsch, Frank Schram, George Jacques, Peggy Doland, Maureen Spinewald, Murray Zaslav, Jack Bowman, Eugene Danylyko, Boh Shuster and Sol Froelich. Refreshments were provided by the Patricia chapter 8, Order of the Eastern Star.

CARS HAVE DIFFICULTY ON ARLINGTON BRIDGE

"Like a fly crawling up a window" was the comment of one wide-eyed Winnipegger as he watched some 150 cars attempting the icy inclines of Arlington street bridge Tuesday evening. Slipping and slithering on the slopes, made glassy by Tuesday's snowfall, only a few of the cars made the grade. These were the ones who started the course with plenty of steam. Those less fortunate stalled at the three-quarter mark and had no alternative but to slide down... backwards. Just as treacherous was the decline, and more than once the observer saw a line of about seven cars cautiously making their way down. Some made several attempts, but the less ambitious chose the route taken by Winnipeg Electric company buses... west on Logan avenue to McPhillips street, north on McPhillips to Selkirk avenue, and thence across to Arlington. No serious accidents occurred at the bridge.

Posties In Hip Waders Get Mail Through

Fifty the poor "postie" in the flooded area of the city. He's the chap who has to don hip waders or take to a boat to make sure the mail gets through to homes surrounded by rising river water. Wednesday, post office officials appealed to residents of flooded districts, who have evacuated their homes and not already notified the post office of their temporary addresses, to do so as soon as possible, or advise the post office to hold their mail there. In this way, unnecessary trips for the already belabored postmen can be avoided, the officials stressed. In the Kingston crescent district, they added, it has been found necessary to cut service to one mail a day, as the postman has to make some of his rounds by boat. Notification of change of addresses here would greatly facilitate his mail-carrying task, they stated.

TROUBLES MOUNT LIKE FLOOD WATERS

Tell it to the boss... he'll have to believe that Wednesday morning late-for-work tale. If the tale-teller resides in the south Fort Rouge-Osborne street area, it started like this. First a rush-hour streetcar jumped the tracks in the Churchill drive loop. That held things up until the Winnipeg Electric company could throw in emergency buses to carry stranded tram-riders to their Morley avenue car barns where southbound cars were being turned. Then, to add to difficulties, one of the emergency buses had to be towed away with a broken axle. Meanwhile swirling snow slowed service and autos could be seen lined up for two blocks behind streetcars.

Red Chevron Officers Elected At Dinner

Capt. L. A. Reid was elected president of the Red Chevron club at the annual dinner meeting held Saturday at the Manitoba club. Major R. D. Miller was elected secretary. The president for the past year, Major C. E. De Pencer, spoke briefly, stressing that members should perpetuate memories of those who fell in the first world war, by continuing the annual meeting until only one member was left to do the honors. Col. (Dr.) John Gunn proposed the toast to fallen comrades and Major George Northwood replied. Lt. Col. F. K. Wilson, past president, supported the president and Capt. L. A. Reid acted as secretary of the meeting, attended by 50 members.

NON-STOP FLIGHT BY TCA BETWEEN WINNIPEG, COAST

Coupled with the statement of certain time changes in flights, came the announcement Thursday of a new non-stop TCA flight between Vancouver and Winnipeg, which will terminate in Toronto, commencing May 12. New departure times from Vancouver, starting May 1 and passing through Winnipeg to eastern points are: flight 2, 8:25 a.m.; flight 4, 3:10 p.m.; flight 6, 9:50 p.m.; and flight 8, 7:55 a.m. The new non-stop flight, which ends at Toronto, will connect with the New York flight, which arrives there at 10:40 p.m. (EST). All times are standard.

Three Break-Ins Believed Work Of Same Thieves

Three break-ins Wednesday night all within a small area on Osborne street, netted thieves stamps, cash and cigarettes, detectives said Thursday.

Believed by police to have been the work of one gang, because of similarity of method, the break-ins were: Alcoholic Anonymous, 215 Osborne street, where a hat and coat were stolen after a rear window was forced; Robertson's meat and grocery store, 132 Osborne street, from which \$2.63 in cash and some cigarettes were stolen after thieves had broken a rear door panel and removed a box; and Skinner's Plumbing, 130 Osborne street, from which the rear transom was stolen, after the rear transom had been opened and the back door bar lifted out of place.

Landlord Fined For Unjust Rent

Pleading guilty to five charges of imposing rentals that were higher than reasonable and just on tenants at 417 Logan avenue, Norman Gismo was fined a total of \$50 and costs by Magistrate D. G. Potter in provincial police court Thursday.

John L. Ross, crown counsel, said that the rental control department would be satisfied with a light fine in the case. At first it had appeared to be an aggravated case of overcharging, but investigation had shown that Gismo was not charging his tenants much more than the set amount.

Some of the tenants had requested rooms on a weekly basis rather than on a monthly basis, and the landlord had charged them slightly more, he said.

The fine was set at \$10 and costs on each charge.



An amphibious army vehicle — a DUKW — filled with newspaper men and soldiers is shown here at Morris, Man., Thursday, churning through flood waters on one of the main streets. The vehicle is on its way to flood-stricken Emerson with supplies.



This is a general view of Mary street in Morris, Man., which is now covered with three feet of water. Sam Myers is shown paddling away from his home which was completely washed out by floods, for the second time since 1948.

Delegates See Shipping Boom Via Bay Route

Extension of shipping over the Hudson Bay route would be of great benefit to Canada, according to J. S. Woodward and R. H. MacNeill, of Saskatoon, directors of the Hudson Bay Route association, who stopped over in Winnipeg Thursday.

Interviewed at the Fort Garry hotel on their return to western Canada from Ottawa, where they presented the prime minister and minister of transportation with a submission on the northern route, the delegation reported response had been "highly encouraging."

Their aim was to suggest that the shorter Hudson Bay route to Britain would indirectly reduce the cost of living in Canada by reducing transportation costs.

"More Canadian dollars would be available to Britain if more goods could be imported into Canada," commented Mr. Woodward.

The association is also seeking to have the shipping season lengthened in the spring and fall. The wheat shipping season closes for the Hudson Bay route July 31. Extension to Nov. 1 would allow shipment of new crop of wheat, the delegation maintained.

It was suggested to Hon. Lionel Chevrier, minister of transportation, that the Canadian National railways should take over the Hudson Bay railway.

The minister has assured the delegation "this provision would probably be made about shortly," reported Mr. MacNeill.

The association, with headquarters in Saskatoon, has been in existence seven years, "but this is the first time we have received official recognition and such an encouraging reception," remarked Mr. Woodward.

The directors were accompanied by W. G. Streeton, president of the association.

Overseas Experts To Aid St. Vital In Dike Project

St. Vital residents will draw on the centuries of experience of English and Dutch dike experts this summer before any permanent dikes are planned for future protection of flooded areas it was learned Thursday in an interview with Mayor Elwood Bole.

Prof. R. Glover of 319 Kingston crescent, St. Vital, will take samples of soil from the Red river banks over to England this summer for advice on dikeing from a professor at Cambridge university.

"Many residents of the Kingston crescent, Kingston row and Victoria crescent areas are considering the construction of a permanent dike after this investigation," said Mayor Bole. It would have to be a joint project and government aid would be requested, he said.

While Prof. Glover of the history department at the University of Manitoba will be in Britain on other work, he will visit a soils expert at Cambridge, the mayor continued. The Cambridge professor is also in touch with Dutch dikeing experts who have passed on from generation to generation their special knowledge of dikes, which is so vital to the life of The Netherlands.

"We are going to ask the provincial soils laboratory to take tests of the river bank soil at different levels," the mayor explained. "In this way we will be able to find out how deep the bank would have to be cut down to find a soil level which would be binding enough to combine with an earthen dike."

Also the residents hope to find out "whether a complete earth dike is feasible." If not, added Mayor Bole, "we want to find out whether the dike must be faced with concrete or have a concrete centre."

Before the present flood, army engineers advised St. Vital that a complete sandbag dike around the whole Elm park area (around Kingston crescent) was "not economically sound," the mayor continued. "Instead, they advised us to go ahead with a sandbag wall along Kingston row to prevent the Red river from crossing the point (which has been done)."

Mayor Bole said he believed the flooding of the river was partly a federal responsibility. It was quite probable that the locks built at Lockport were causing extra silting at the Lister's rapids. This in turn would hold back flood waters in the spring.

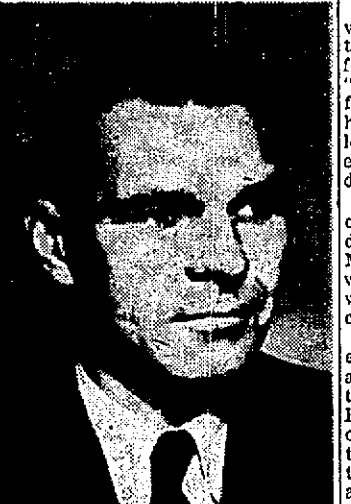
After the 1948 flood, we asked the Dominion government to clear the Lister's rapids. Their answer was that it would cost \$16,000,000, and might not improve the situation, said the mayor.

"Here we are in the first stages of development in this country," he said. "Maybe both American and Canadian farmers in the valley may eventually have to change their methods of agriculture."

Whole Idea

"The whole idea of farmers now is to drain off their land as quickly as possible," he explained. As a result floods become more frequent and soil erosion more noticeable."

The Canadian government should be concerned with the overall problem in co-operation with the American government, he felt.



J. B. HANSEN who is president of the St. James chamber of commerce, which will launch a campaign to develop a large industrial area in the municipality. The first meeting will be held Monday, when R. E. Grose, director of Manitoba's department of industry and commerce, will speak on "Planning, Developing, Marketing an Industrial Area." This meeting in Assiniboine school at 8 p.m. will be the first of a series.

Boy, 4, Badly Hurt In Fall To Cellar

A fall through a first floor opening in a building under construction Wednesday sent four-year-old Barry McKenzie, 161 Carlton street, to Winnipeg General hospital with a possible fractured skull.

The child's condition is poor.

"Police said the small boy's father was attracted by the cries of the boy's twin sister, who had been playing with him near the partially-completed Blue Cross society building, on Edmonton street just north of Broadway, about 5:30 p.m."

The father found the dazed child walking up from the basement of the building and rushed him to hospital, police said.

'Duck' Carrying Fuel To Emerson

An army "duck" set out for Emerson from Winnipeg Thursday loaded with vital gasoline supplies for army vehicles stationed in the battling border town.

"In the 'duck,' an amphibious vehicle capable of traveling on both land and water, were Capt. A. Ferguson, public relations officer for command headquarters in Winnipeg, and several representatives of the press."

The "duck" was expected back in the city Thursday evening.

Quick Run-Off Of Snow Might Swamp Cellars

Basement-flooding may be expected if there is a sudden melting of Winnipeg's recent snowfall, W. D. Hurst, city engineer, warned Thursday.

In the case of a heavy rainfall or sudden run-off of snow, it will probably be impossible to pump all the water from the sewers, Mr. Hurst indicated.

This in turn might cause the flood gates in the sewers to open, allowing the water in the sewers to rise to the same elevation as the river, with resulting basement flooding, he said.

Pumps Ease Threat

So far, basement flooding has been materially reduced by the operation of emergency city pumps and by Greater Winnipeg sanitary district pumping stations, Mr. Hurst pointed out.

About 14 pumps are being manned at potentially-dangerous sewers by city engineering crews, while the sanitary district has put into operation 15 pumps not usually used during high water periods.

"During the 1948 flood, the sanitary district pumps were not used. That is probably why there is less basement flooding now than at that time," commented Mr. Hurst.

This year, at the risk of damaging machinery and equipment, and at "considerable inconvenience," the sanitary district pumps were put into use to lessen flood damage, he pointed out.

However, there is a distinct possibility that more water may come down than can be handled," the city engineer added.

Professor Urges Better Training For Speaking

Not enough time is being spent in schools and universities on the development of a proper mode of speech, Clark Hopper, associate professor of English at the University of Manitoba, declared Wednesday evening.

Prof. Hopper was speaking on speech in business to more than 60 members of the Manitoba division of Canadian Credit Men's Trust association at a dinner meeting in Moore's restaurant.

The speaker said "a deplorably small percentage of university students are able to express themselves adequately" when speaking in public.

He felt that English departments, especially in universities, should place more emphasis on "talking as well as writing" good English.

Prof. Hopper was introduced by Percy Reynolds and thanked by Harry Stevens.

Following the address a business session was held under the chairmanship of E. Dowton. Officers for the coming season were announced: G. J. McLean will be president and L. E. Atwell vice-president; G. Wiles was named to the board of governors, while other members of the board, all re-elected, are J. Mabb, E. Dowton, A. Lewsey, W. C. Davison, B. Vincent, N. Cuthbert, J. McDonald, H. Ashton, H. A. Ladd, F. M. Still, T. L. Barton and W. Beattie.

If Winter Comes, Can Spring Be Far Behind?

Yes, Says Weatherman

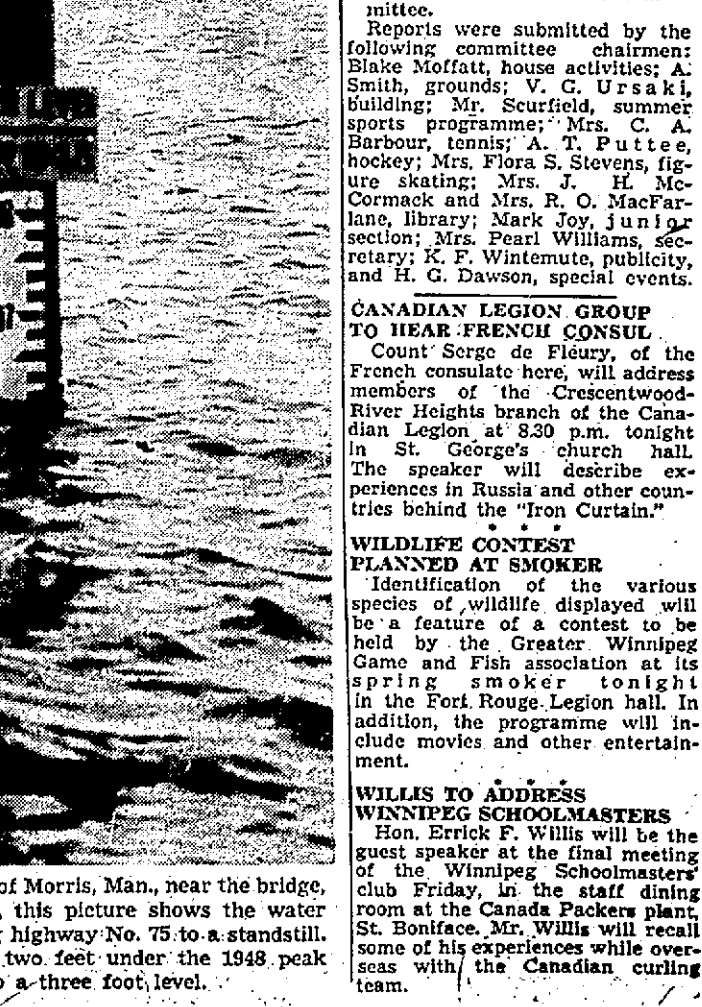
"Once bitten, twice shy" seems to be an understandable frame of mind for the weatherman to be in these days. Still mindful of the way he fanned out on last week-end's wintry visitation, he wasn't committing himself Thursday morning when queried on the possibility of more snow during the next few days.

However, he did say that northwestern Ontario, still under the influence of the storm a few days ago, will clear tonight and be slightly warmer on Friday. Indications for the Winnipeg area are for a slight warming during the next few days, but with temperatures well below normal. Low tonight and high Friday, 20 and 40.

Charge Of Theft

Stopped by detectives on Henry avenue late Wednesday, when they were seen carrying men's suits and other apparel, John Lacoste, 31, and Joseph Blanchard, 21, will appear before Magistrate M. H. Garton in city police court Friday on charges of theft from an auto.

Detectives said Thursday subsequent investigation of the case revealed that the clothing had come from a car belonging to Harry Greenberg, of Toronto, which had been left on the Canadian Pacific railway parking lot.



Taken Thursday just north of Morris, Man., near the bridge, by a Free Press photographer, this picture shows the water which has brought traffic along highway No. 75 to a standstill. The water, which is less than two feet under the 1948 peak, has covered the highway up to a three foot level.

Franklin Hurls Counter-Charge At Communists

A. A. Franklin, chairman of the organizing committee of the C.C.L. council, Thursday denied charges in the Communist Canadian Tribune that the C.C.L.'s National Federation of Unemployed workers was set up to split the ranks of the new Communist unemployed organization.

"In fact the Communists themselves are guilty of the very action of which they accuse the C.C.L.," Mr. Franklin said.

One attempt has already been made to infiltrate the C.C.L. local of unemployed. When the attempt proved unsuccessful, the Communists proclaimed that "they will fight the C.C.L. attempt to setup a lily-white exclusive organization of inactivity!"

(By its constitution, Communists are barred from joining the C.C.L. unemployed locals.)

"Let the facts speak for themselves," said Mr. Franklin. "The N.F.U.W. has already been successful in putting several members in jobs... the N.F.U.W. is fulfilling the purpose for which it was set up, not to build a large and militant night pressure organization, but to eliminate the necessity of such an organization by securing gainful employment for all its members."

Mr. Franklin added that the move by the C.C.L. to set up machinery for the organizing of the unemployed, on a national basis, was an act of advancement of any organization on a purely local scale by the Communist-led Winnipeg association.

The C.C.L. machinery was set up as early as Jan. 18, and was followed by a circular letter to all local unions affiliated with the congress Feb. 4, said Mr. Franklin.

Community Club Is Busy Spot In First Year

Crescentwood Community club crowded almost 150 events into its first year of operation in the new house opened last May. This was revealed in the annual report presented to the members at a recent meeting.

One of the activities added during the year was the library. It opened in October with a collection of 250 registered members. An active season which included a carnival, junior dances, children's nights, bridge, socials, square dancing, sports and handicrafts was reported by the heads of the various committees.

Club members carried off several honors in inter-community club sports. In volleyball, the girls' midjet team won the city championship and the girls' bantam team took second place.

2,000 Hours

The ladies' auxiliary put in 2,000 hours of work in the canteen during the season, the report said. Proceeds averaged \$200 a month.

The financial report, presented by R. W. Corner, president of the club, and Ian L. Wilson, treasurer, showed that receipts during the year totaled \$10,111. General donations accounted for \$4,344. More than \$8,620 was spent on maintenance of the clubhouse and grounds.

A "clean-up" campaign to finish off last fall's canvass for funds was suggested by R. Roberts and J. Scurlfield, who headed the finance committee.

Reports were submitted by the following committee chairmen: Blake Moffatt, house activities; A. Smith, grounds; V. G. Ursaki, building; Mr. Scurlfield, summer sports programme; Mrs. C. A. Hocking, tennis; A. T. Puttee, hockey; Mrs. Elsie Stevens, figure skating; Mrs. J. H. McCormack and Mrs. R. O. MacFarlane, library; Mark Joy, junior section; Mrs. Pearl Williams, secretary; K. F. Wintemute, publicity, and H. G. Dawson, special events.

CANADIAN LEGION GROUP TO HEAR FRENCH CONSUL

Count Serge de Fleury, of the French consulate here, will address members of the Crescentwood-River Heights branch of the Canadian Legion at 8:30 p.m. tonight in St. George's church hall. The speaker will describe experiences in Russia and other countries behind the "Iron Curtain."

WILDLIFE CONTEST PLANNED AT SMOKER

Identification of the various species of wildlife displayed will be a feature of a contest to be held by the Greater Winnipeg Game and Fish association at its spring smoker tonight in the Fort Rouge Legion hall. In addition, the programme will include movies and other entertainment.

WILLIS TO ADDRESS WINNIPEG SCHOOLMASTERS

Hon. Erick F. Willis will be the guest speaker at the final meeting of the Winnipeg Schoolmasters club Friday, in the staff dining room at the Canada Packers plant. St. Boniface, Mr. Willis will recall some of his experiences while overseas with the Canadian curling team.

Level Jumps 6 Inches

High water mark of the flooding Red river will not be reached in Winnipeg for approximately one week, provincial authorities estimated Friday.

Meanwhile, the river at Winnipeg climbed six inches in the past 24 hours. Level at the James avenue pumping station at 1 p.m. Friday was 21.8 feet above datum. This is less than 18 inches below the 1948 peak.

This week-end, however, loomed as a critical one for towns along the Red to the south. A steady rise of the uncontrolled stream broke flood records at Emerson, Letellier, St. Jean Baptiste and other points along the river's winding course.

Sunny weather Friday eased the tension for southern Manitobans awaiting a week-end flood crest that might surpass anything they have seen so far.

This is the calm-before-the-storm picture that emerged from a Free Press survey of the river towns—

EMERSON — Flood waters rose three inches overnight to 20 inches above the 1948 peak — predictions were for a further eight inch rise — the peak was expected Saturday or Sunday. Red Cross headquarters sought higher ground as flood levels rose, a move was made to the United church — Canadian Pacific Railway gages labored to keep the still intact Winnipeg-Emerson service running.

MORRIS — surrounded by water — residents waiting crest while Red rose 10 inches overnight — Friday stood at 15 inches under 1948 level — 400 persons in temporary accommodation — schools closed — just waiting.

LETELLIER — Waters of combined Red, Marais and Roseau up inch-and-a-half overnight — dike holding them back intact — peak expected Monday — townsmen fear result of run-off water draining into Marais five miles south — six farms inundated by run-offs — old No. 14 under eight feet of water for a two mile

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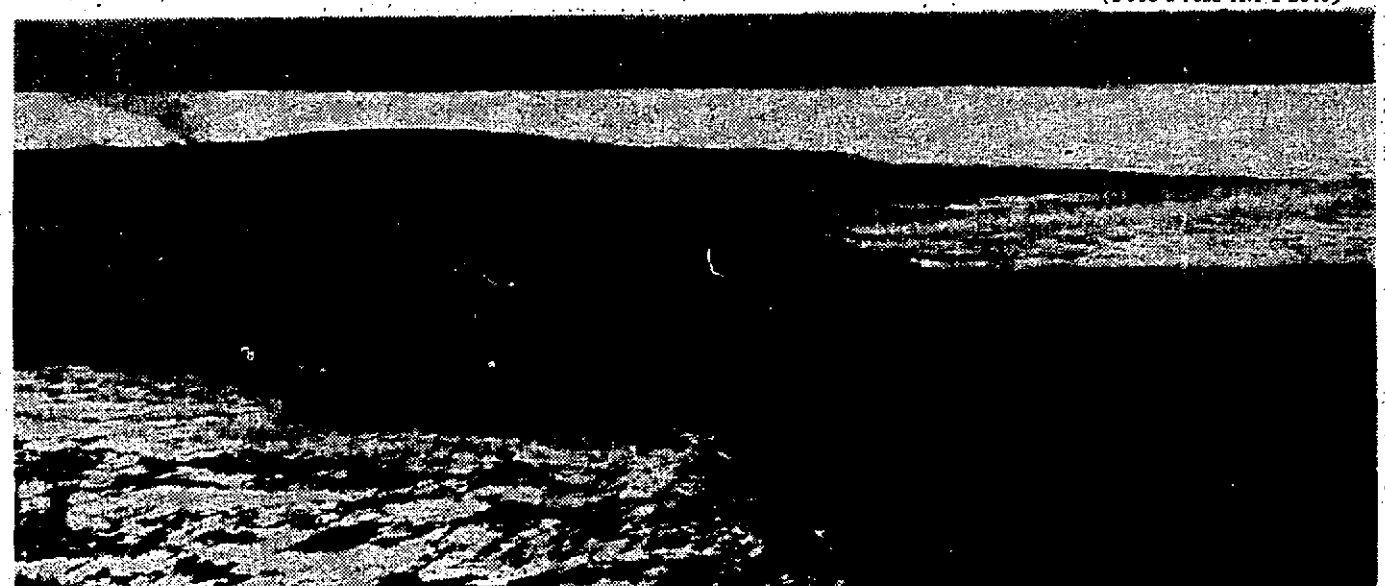
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FEDERAL FLOOD ACTION SOUGHT

Torrent Hits Lake Winnipeg



This is what Lake Winnipeg and the mouth of the Red river looked like Friday morning from the air. The river was completely clear of ice all the way from Winnipeg to the confluence. South from Winnipeg the river is said to be clear of ice until below Morris where a big frozen stretch is reported. This picture is looking south up the river channel. In the foreground is the rim of the ice around the



Pre-Road Deal Work To Bring \$1.5 Million

Manitoba will receive about \$1,500,000 from the federal government in compensation for sections of the trans-Canada highway already built in the province, Hon. Ernie Willis, deputy premier and minister of public works, disclosed Friday on his return from Ottawa. The money is the dominion's 50 per cent share of construction done by the province in the past few years, most of it on the section west of Brandon. Mr. Willis said the total cost of the remaining construction work would be \$17,000,000, of which the province would pay \$8,500,000 over the seven-year term of the agreement. The dominion's \$8,500,000 for future construction and \$1,500,000 for past construction will make a total of \$10,000,000 available to the province for road work in the next few years. "This will be \$10,000,000 which had been three possible routes through the province—by No. 1, 4 and No. 5 highways—and No. 1 had been chosen because it met the route selected by the other western provinces, particularly British Columbia and Alberta. Highway officials expect that construction which the province had been doing on the other possible routes will be continued at a faster pace in the next few years as a result of the extra money becoming available through the agreement. Also Benefit The province has already done considerable improvement work on No. 4 and No. 5 highways. Other roads throughout the province will also benefit. In addition, each vehicle must have a firmly attached mirror that affords the driver a clear view of the roadway in the rear, or of any vehicle approaching from the rear. Every vehicle driven on a highway shall be so equipped that the driver, from his seat, can have a clear, unobstructed view ahead in a 180-degree arc. Mr. Willis said the total cost of the remaining construction work would be \$17,000,000, of which the province would pay \$8,500,000 over the seven-year term of the agreement. The dominion's \$8,500,000 for future construction and \$1,500,000 for past construction will make a total of \$10,000,000 available to the province for road work in the next few years.

Huge Sum Earmarked For Controlling Floods

This is the fourth in a series of articles from an address made last year by W. D. Hurst, Winnipeg city engineer, on the Red river valley flood problem.

BY W. D. HURST
Winnipeg City Engineer
It will be seen that about \$1,500,000 has already been spent on works for flood control and improvements for low water flow in the Red river valley, another \$3,300,000 is now being spent for the same purposes, and another \$12,250,000 of expenditure has been authorized and construction work will commence. In addition an expenditure of \$333,000 is being reviewed.

In other words, in the course of the next few years the sum of \$17,000,000 will have been spent on improvements in the Red river and its tributaries.

One's reaction to the expenditure of such a large sum of money would naturally lead to the conclusion that this expenditure would probably solve the flood problem for the valley. Unfortunately, this will not be the case for as it has already been pointed out there are no suitable dam sites for retention of surplus water on the main stem of the Red which would reduce the extent of the flooding. The works that are being constructed on the upper head waters of the tributaries of the Red such as Baldhill, Orwell, Homme and Red Lake Reservoirs, will serve two purposes: They will provide strictly local flood protection for such cities as Valley City, N.D., Wahpeton, Brainerd, Thief River Falls, Park River and possibly Grafton. Their main purpose is not flood protection, but to provide an increase in low-water flows so that each city may maintain a satisfactory water supply and sewage disposal facilities for their citizens.

It will be remembered that in the drought years of 1931-1937 these cities were virtually purifying sewage from the rivers to provide a water supply for their community.

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Province May Back Request

A bid to have southern Manitoba floods declared a national emergency got tentative support from the provincial government Friday as:

● Mayor Harry Shewman of Morris urged Ottawa to recognize the flood as a national emergency, assist victims and investigate control measures.

● The Suburban Municipalities association pressed for control of the Red river to eliminate flood danger.

● Hon. Ernie Willis, deputy premier and minister of public works, declared the situation should receive immediate attention from Ottawa.

● Premier D. L. Campbell, now out of town, said the cabinet would endorse Mayor Shewman's request if it were "just and borne out by other authorities."

Meanwhile, government spokesmen in Ottawa said it was unlikely federal authorities would act in the Manitoba flood situation unless asked to do so by the provincial government.

Requests from individual municipalities to declare a national emergency carry little weight at Ottawa, a government official told the Free Press.

Any action by the Manitoba government probably will wait for Premier Campbell's return to Winnipeg. He was expected back in the city late Friday.

Waiting on the premier's desk in the legislative buildings was a telegram from Mayor Shewman, M.L.A. for Morris. The message was similar to that sent by the independent member to Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and to leaders of the opposition in the house of commons.

The Morris mayor called upon the federal government to declare Manitoba's flood situation a national emergency. He also asked for:

1. Prompt financial aid for flood victims. Many still had not been able to pay their 1948 flood damage bills, he said.

2. Investigation by a royal commission of the cause of the flood and of measures for future control.

3. Income tax reductions for people who have to pay for flood damage to private property.

This was a national emergency, if ever there was one, said the mayor of the flood-ravaged town 40 miles south of Winnipeg. He said more than 1,500 persons were homeless in his constituency. Stretching from Ste. Agathe to Emerson, it is bordered by the ravaging Red river.

"I intend to make an issue of this. I want to get some help for these people," the mayor declared.

Many people in the flooded area would be ruined unless either the provincial or the federal government stepped in to help them, the mayor declared. Farmers' earnings this year would be seriously reduced by late seeding on the thousands of inundated acres.

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Police Oust 7 Disturbers In Commons

OTTAWA, April 28 — One after the other, Thursday, seven men tried to shout statements about unemployment down into the commons chamber from the public gallery. They were forcibly seized and removed by house police.

In the first incident of its kind in years, uniformed police grabbed each man almost as soon as he stood up and started to read from a brief prepared by the Canadian Convention of Unemployed Workers meeting here.

They earlier tried unsuccessfully to present the brief to Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, labor minister. The first voice, that of "provisional president" Ray Collette of Toronto, struck down just as the speaker called the house to order at 3 p.m.

Standing in the first row of gallery seats, Collette shouted "Mr. Speaker, I represent the unemployed."

A policeman grabbed him and led him away. A second man immediately arose. He said he was from Vancouver and started to read the list of cities the convention embraced. He was grabbed. A third man got up some distance away.

That went on until the final man, standing up in one of the rear rows, was swept over by three policemen and taken out.

Police said later the men had every right to go into the gallery just as any citizen would, but once they started to shout they were subject to removal. They said they had anticipated such a development and had plenty of men on hand.

A. A. MacLeod, Labor-Progressive member for the Ontario legislature for Toronto-Bellwoods, addressed the convention Thursday. He said only four invited national party leaders to show up. Solon Low, Social Credit leader, had bluntly told the convention that the main purpose of its brief appeared to be "to inflame rather than to convince."

Friday, M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. See COMMONS Page 6

'Peace Council' Protests Seizure

MONTREAL, April 28 (CP) — The Montreal peace council Thursday night protested a police raid on its downtown Bloorville offices as a "flagrant violation of democratic rights and an evil-intentioned attack on the growing peace forces in Quebec."

Two Americans Slain By West Java Gang

JAKARTA, Indonesia, April 28 (AP) — A Yale professor and an American correspondent were slain Thursday in west Java — the apparent victims of a murderous gang whose motives could not be determined.

The two were Prof. Raymond Kennedy, 43, of Yale university, a sociologist, and Robert Doyle, 30, a native of Chicago who worked for Time and Life magazines out of Hong Kong.

A spokesman for the American embassy said the two were killed on a paved highway near Tomo. This is in a mountainous area where fanatical guerrilla bands were active during the Dutch-Indonesian war of 1945-46. There was an indication the bodies may have been mutilated.

The two left Jakarta Wednesday for Jogjakarta, capital of the republic of Indonesia, and spent the night in Bandoeng. They had expected to make Jogjakarta in one day's travel from Bandoeng.

Radio Jakarta, quoting its Bandoeng correspondent, broadcast this version of the killing.

Kennedy and Doyle were stopped in their jeep Thursday noon by a gang of four or five men in uniform. They were taken to a clearing in the forest and were shot. Villagers were forced to bury them. Then the gang made their getaway toward Cheribon in a sedan.

The villagers reported the shooting to Indonesian army units in the area and the bodies were exhumed.

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Small Talk



"I don't like pink."

Marshall Plan Help Refused Franco Spain

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP) — The United States senate Thursday blackballed Franco Spain for membership in the Marshall plan and refused to endorse a proposed \$50,000,000 loan to that country.

It took this action in rejecting, 42 to 35, a move to amend the \$3,272,500,000 foreign aid bill to include Spain officially in the anti-Communist ranks.

Chairman Tom Connally (Dem. Tex.) of the foreign relations committee declared that Spain's inclusion would cause "serious interference" in the European Recovery Programme. Furthermore, he said, it would be "very offensive" to the other countries banded together under the Marshall plan.

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EMERSON REPORTS CENTURY PEAK

Federal Aid Awaits Flood Probe

Morris Demands Action

OTTAWA, April 29 (CP)—Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent said in the commons Friday that the federal government would investigate the flood situation in the Red River valley of Manitoba and decide later what action, if any, will be taken in the form of federal aid.

In reply to a question by Stanley Knowles (CCF—Winnipeg North Centre), the prime minister said he had received a telegram from Mayor Harry Shewman of Morris. It termed the flood situation in the Red River valley a "national emergency" and asked federal aid.

The telegram also suggested a royal commission investigation of flood control in the area and income tax exemptions for flooded-out residents who spent money on repairing homes.

Mr. St. Laurent said all he could say at the moment was that "the matter will be looked into, but not at this moment by a royal commission."

"We shall endeavor to ascertain what the situation is, and then determine what action, if any, should be taken."

In reply to a question by Rene Juras (L—Provencher), Hon. L.

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100,000 See Arsenal Win Soccer Cup

LONDON, April 29 (Reuters)—Arsenal defeated Liverpool 2-0 Saturday in the football cup final at Wembley stadium.

With the victory for the London eleven went the football association cup, symbol of soccer supremacy in Britain.

Some 100,000 wildly excited fans watched the game that climaxed the season's play. Arsenal, nicknamed the gunners, and the squad from Britain's big Lancashire port city were the lone survivors after a series of elimination contests involving more than 200 soccer teams.

Arsenal opportunism, plus the stoutest of defenses which refused to crack before a sustained second-half drive by the Merseysiders, won the day for the local club.

It was Arsenal's third cup triumph and, as in 1930 and 1936, the King presented the famed trophy to the London eleven. Liverpool has yet to win the honor.

Scoring hero of the game was inside-left Reg Lewis who counted both goals.

The payoff goals came 17 minutes after the start of each half and both were built up in movements initiated from behind the gunner forward line.

Fullback Walley Barnes started the first score on its way, shooting a forward pass to inside right Jimmy Logie who in turn relayed to Lewis. Lewis drove his shot low into the corner of the net.

A similar movement made the second-half goal. Captain Joe Mercer slid the slippery ball up from the halfback line to outside left Denis Compton, who wheeled it across to Freddie Cox, the other winger. Cox slipped it to Lewis and again Reg picked the corner from 15 yards.

Liverpool threw caution away and moved right into the Arsenal end for much of the rest of the game. But Arsenal's vaunted defense, led by centre half Leslie Compton, with Barnes and Laurie Scott playing like titans in front of goalie George Swindin, held on until the final whistle.

Outstanding in attack for the

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Daily Traffic Pointer

Whenever a motor vehicle is being driven on the highway, no more than two passengers are allowed in the front seat along with the driver, states the highway traffic act.

On smaller, or older, types of cars, not designed to carry three in the front seat, only two will be allowed.

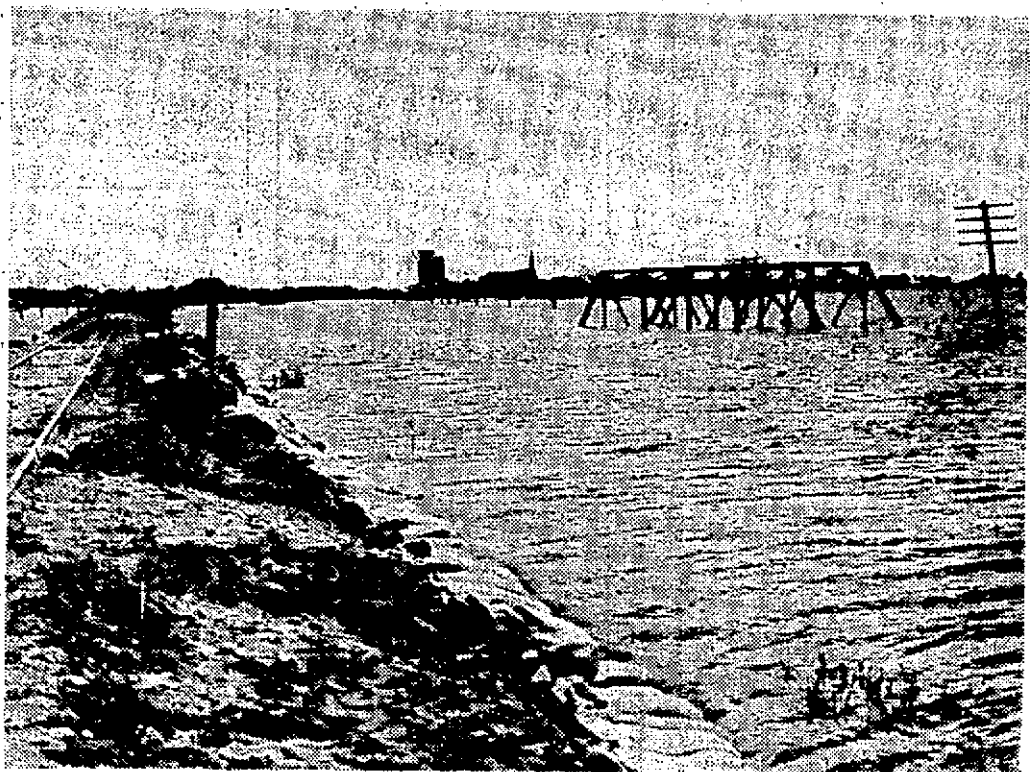
APPRENTICE RULING

REGINA, April 29 (CP)—Motor vehicle repair tradesmen will be the first workers required to hold certificates of qualification under the apprenticeship act, it was learned Friday. They will be brought under the act at the latest by mid-summer.



The Flood Knows No Boundaries

This is the scene at Emerson looking south towards Noyes, Minn. The railway connecting Emerson and Noyes is at the left. As far as the eye can see is water.



Rail Line Defies Invading Waters

Highway bridge one mile north of St. Jean Baptiste covered with water. At left, Canadian National railways tracks protected by sandbags.

Turn Your Clocks Ahead Exactly One Hour Tonight

Attention Winnipeggers: The Free Press has learned authoritatively that an epidemic of amnesia will strike Winnipeg Saturday night.



It is expected to pass over the next morning, however, but in some cases, results may be damaging.

If you want to avoid being caught with the rest of the crowd, here's what to do: Turn your clock, watch, or what-have-you one hour ahead before retiring Saturday night. At 2 a.m. Sunday morning the 1950 Daylight Saving Time season officially opens.

One thoughtful hostess has announced that her party will start at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8:30 p.m. "Morning will come an hour earlier," she said.

Business girls, clerks, policemen and firemen will also all be setting their timepieces ahead.

Some night workers are silently rejoicing — their shifts will be one hour shorter. All provincial government and civic departments will be on fast time.

Winnipeg will be in line with many other centres in Canada — the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and local radio stations are all going on fast time.

Beef Price Boost Reported Small

The average increase in the carcass price for beef from packing houses within the last three weeks has not exceeded three cents a pound, H. Moore, secretary of the Manitoba Food Distributors' association, said Saturday.

Mr. Moore said he objected to a Canadian Press Thursday despatch which quoted beef prices as rising sharply. The food distributors' spokesman declared that the discrepancy of 68 cents per pound and 86 cents, was the price to the retailer, before dressing and consumer price, after dressing, respectively.

"Winnipeg beef prices have definitely not risen as much as 18 cents per pound," said Mr. Moore.

Flag Of Netherlands Will Honor Juliana

Sunday is the anniversary of the birthday of Juliana, Queen of The Netherlands. She ascended to the throne Sept. 6, 1948. To mark the occasion, The Netherlands flag will fly from the courtesy flag staff of the Free Press.



Comfy As Can Be

Everything's just ducky for Mrs. Byron Doran shown here in a flood-surrounded hospital at St. Vincent, Minn., admiring her son born Tuesday night. She had made a hurried trip by army duck to beat the storm. The doctor didn't even have time to remove his hip boots. "The baby's name is Richard, but I suppose they'll call him ducky," said Mrs. Doran.



Bole's Barrier

Mayor Elwood Bole of St. Vital, and his snow-coated sandbag dyke at his home on Kingston row.

Premier Calls Conference On Flood

Three government departments, agriculture, mines and resources and public works, together with correlated relief bodies were called together Saturday by Premier Douglas L. Campbell to survey the Manitoba flood situation.

Saturday's meeting would deal principally with providing assistance to agricultural sections of the province in order to cut livestock and other losses to a minimum.

"We are having a check-up made on the agricultural situation, to be sure the local people are getting every assistance we can give them. Food for their livestock, sand-bagging and Red Cross assistance will be provided," said the premier. Representatives of municipal councils also attended Saturday's meeting.

Close Check
Premier Campbell said he "might be out" to survey the flooded areas personally, but his department had worse anticipated.

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Red Over '48 Mark By 2 Feet

Flood observers at Emerson, Man., Saturday claimed the flood-swollen Red river there had reached its highest level in more than 100 years.

At 11 a.m. the flood reading at this water-stunned town was recorded as 46.05 feet, nearly two feet over the 1948 peak and slightly over the recorded high level during the disastrous flood of 1897.

At Winnipeg, the Red rose to 22.2 feet above datum at 11 a.m. Saturday, a climb of 4 feet in less than 24 hours.

This is approximately one foot below the 1948 peak in the city.

With the peak for this year expected by Emerson residents some time over the week-end, the river showed a steady rise at all towns between there and Winnipeg.

City Engineer W. D. Hurst, however, said late Friday there was a possibility the Red might not exceed the high water level of 1948.

LETTILLIER—36 MILES FROM WINNIPEG—Water behind dike

holding floods from town up one inch, dike still strong — water rose rapidly in town basements — constant patrolling of dikes — badly needed feed for stock received.

DOMINION CITY—60 MILES FROM WINNIPEG — water up three inches

main backwaters of Red posed threat Saturday, as Roseau river situation relieved when ice jams broke.

ST. JEAN BAPTISTE—47 MILES FROM WINNIPEG — water up four inches to one foot higher than '48 — town almost completely under water —

two more boats from Red Cross bringing total in use to 45 row-boats, 15 motor boats — townsmen building other craft — rail cars Saturday used as stables for stock and horses — col-

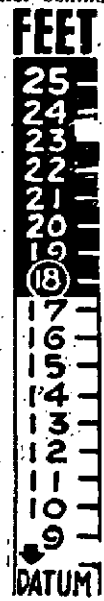
onist cars ordered from Red Cross as worse anticipated.

MORRIS — 41 MILES FROM WINNIPEG — whole southwest area of town under new flood threat as Red waters broke side-

road grade Saturday and piled up in V formed by rail lines. Red up four inches overnight to eight inches below 1948 level. Evacuees issued meal tickets, good in hotel and restaurant.

ST. PIERRE-JOLYS—30 MILES SOUTHEAST OF WINNIPEG — roads to south threatened as water rose two feet to force evacuation of further 15 families — tiny Jou-

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LEGEND
TODAY'S LEVEL
48 Peak 23.4
FLOOD LEVEL

Small Talk



The Signs Tell The Story

Frank Carpenter, chairman, flood relief co-ordinating committee, Manitoba Red Cross, says: "Tell the customs boys at the border not to let any more water up here."