

Anxious Eyes On Dikes As Flood-Swollen Red River Waters Climb

With the crest of the flood not expected until Friday or Saturday, residents along the Red River have adopted a wait-and-see attitude with the hope that the dikes will hold. Thursday morning the Red River stood at 24 feet 8 inches, one foot over the 1948 peak.

Hundreds of curious sightseers got a first hand picture of the flood situation locally as they plied back and forth along Glenwood Crescent Wednesday night.

Canadian Legion Protests Rent-Hike In War-Time Homes

In connection with the proposed increase in rentals of the war-time homes on Moncton ave., a letter was read at the East Kildonan Council meeting Monday night from the Prince Edward Branch, Canadian Legion, expressing disapproval of the action of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The communication, signed by the secretary of the branch, A. C. Newell, said in part:

"When these houses were first built we were given to understand that these rentals were fixed, and that the Veterans of low income occupying same could be assured of their tenancy at the rentals as set.

"Unfortunately the Legion, or perhaps I should say 'The Prince Edward Branch,' has not been advised of this arbitrary raise in rents or the reason therefor, and so we wish to go on record protesting same unless a valid reason can be given for the advance.

"Therefore the Prince Edward Branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., does most strongly protest the advance in rentals of War Time Houses and asks that the Rural Municipality of East Kildonan protest to the Government of Canada such raise in rentals."

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MANITOBA LAKE ISSETT NAMED AFTER ELMWOOD VETERAN KILLED IN ACTION

Mrs. D. H. Issett, of Fort Frances, Ont., is in receipt of information from the Dept. of National Resources, Ottawa, that "the Canadian Board on Geographical names approved the name 'Issett' for a lake on the Uhlman Lake, Manitoba sheet, in honour of the late W.O. D. H. Issett and in recognition of his service."

By the King's Order his name was published in the London Gazette on April 4, 1948.

A two-foot sand bag dike running from Noble ave. to the city limits protects the homes.

The dike snakes its way along the Crescent about a yard from the rear of the houses with the river lapping at its base. Near Cobourg ave. the water is half way up a four-foot dike. Here the garage stand in four feet of water.

At the end of Glenwood Crescent the dike swings up the Harrison lane about 40 yards and then cuts through Elmwood Park. The dike here had to be reinforced Wednesday night as the water crept close to the top.

In East Kildonan Mayor Bodie reported everything was under control. The mud dike running from Leighton ave. to Rossmore ave. was reinforced to the height of four feet over the 1948 dike. The water is over the old dike level but still two feet from the top of the new one.

Sand bag dikes have been built along the low areas around Bredin Drive and Helmsdale ave. and Wednesday night the dike near Leighton ave. was reinforced.

East Kildonan has not had to call on volunteers as the municipal staff under Engineer Battershill has been able to cope with the situation. They have been assisted by Mayor Bodie and Councillors Earle and Snowdon.

Flooding of basements was almost negligible in comparison to 1948. There was no danger, so far, of sewers backing up due to the pumping of the sewers and only in a few cases was there any water due to seepage.

Fort Garry's dike, patrolled regularly by residents, continued to hold but in West Kildonan the water crept up side streets between Hartford and Smithfield aves. and creeks in Kildonan Park were backing up Forest ave. to Newton ave. also saw river water sweeping across Scotia st. up side streets.

A dike has been built on Armstrong ave. to hold back water's from creeks in the park as R.C.A.F. personnel went into action to help residents and municipal workers.

High school students joined service personnel in St. Vital in the flood-ravaged Elm Park area while

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