

# Winnipeg Fight Put Up Locally

The residents of Elmwood and East Kildonan may well be proud of themselves for the magnificent organization and dogged determination they have displayed this week in their efforts to preserve their homes.

A survey of the huge dikes, built to protect these communities from one of the worst floods in Manitoba history that extends for miles along the rampaging Red River, was made by the *Herald* Monday afternoon.

One of the largest dikes starts in East Kildonan at Rossmere ave. and runs to Leighton. In places it is approximately 20 feet wide and is backed up at the base by tons of mud. It is holding back an enormous amount of water.

It resembles a huge ant hill as scores of volunteers are required to keep it above the water level. They have done a remarkable job on this barrier as the sand bags are generally carried from 100 yards to a quarter of a mile. In some instances when there was no sand available at the opposite end, sand bags have been rushed to weak spots the mile-long length of the dike.

At Leighton ave. the dike runs into a smaller one that extends to Helmsdale ave. This is the safest looking dike in East Kildonan as the river in some places is still 25 yards from the dike.

From Helmsdale south the bank is comparatively high and with the exception of a small dike there is no other barrier until the one at Bredin Drive starts. This one runs to Elmwood Park and enlarges somewhat in the Park as it joins the Glenwood Crescent dike to Redwood Bridge.

The Crescent dike has become as high as eight feet in places and along with the Leighton ave. dike has given engineers many an anxious moment.

Across Hespeler ave. the dike resumes and swings up Digby ave. to Silvia street where it cuts across the Elmwood cemetery to join up with the Riverton dike.

At Riverton ave. the workers did a great job on their dike along the back of their homes and up inside the cemetery fence.

It picks up again at Louise Bridge where it runs to the side of the La Salle hotel building. The rear of the building is flooded and the dike starts again on the other side where it is extended to just past the Concordia hospital.

In all these various sections of Elmwood and East Kildonan the residents, along with the help of volunteers from other sections of Winnipeg, have done a sensational job in their fight to protect their communities.