

Municipal Engineer Sees Little Flood Danger In East Kildonan

J. W. Battershill, East Kildonan municipal engineer, said today that it appeared East Kildonan was in no danger from the present floods, which have inundated Northern Minnesota, Southern Manitoba and parts of St. Vital and West Kildonan.

Sewer gates have been closed and pumps are in operation. The present flood level in East Kildonan is two feet lower than further

south in the Winnipeg area. Three pumps are in operation at the foot of Linden, one at the foot of Leighton and two at the foot of Munroe ave., which are operated by the Greater Winnipeg sanitary district. Mr. Battershill said that it would take another four-foot rise in the river before it became dangerous.

Elsewhere, the situation remained grim, although a slight drop of 2.4 inches was observed Tuesday as the community became enshrouded in an unseasonable blizzard, which added to the woes of those unfortunate people in the flood zones.

The United States Weather Bureau said the crest of the flood should hit Winnipeg either May 6 or 7. This is four days later than the original estimate. A sudden thaw would send fresh torrents of water into the swollen Red River.

More than 65 families were forced out of their homes in Emerson with 75 buildings isolated as the waters swirled through the town. Basements and lower floors were filled with water. The level already has passed the 1948 level.

Some families have evacuated from St. Vital in the Seine River district and in the Elm Park community along the Red River. In West Kildonan, the waters have crossed some parts of Scotia St. The Greater Winnipeg flood areas have been sealed off to curiosity-seekers and only those with official passes can gain entrance to the stricken areas.

Deputy City Engineer Taunton said it is costing the city of Winnipeg \$3,000 a day to fight the flood. Over 232 workmen on a 24-hour basis are at present engaged in battling the swirling torrents. Up until Tuesday the city had spent \$14,000 in flood protection.

Meanwhile military personnel, Boy Scouts, Junior Chamber of Commerce members and residents of safe areas have pitched in to help those not so fortunate.

A 600-foot dike was built along the south side of Kingston Crescent-Kingston Row peninsula after 120 men worked feverishly under flood-lights to complete it. The dike will prevent the waters from cutting Elm Park in two.

At Fraser's Grove, in East Kildonan, dikes were built to take care of a flood level two feet higher than 1948's high point, but waters were low on this part of the river.

KELVIN KLUB MEMBERS VOLUNTEER SERVICES IN FLOOD CRISIS

Members of the E.R.A. Kelvin st. clubhouse have volunteered their services to any local residents who need assistance during the present flood crisis. Anyone requiring help should contact any one of the following:

- G. Currie—503 742.
- T. Heaton—502 421.
- M. Ross—505 038.
- A. Maunder—503 825.
- W. Falls—503 218.

Dominion Govt. Concerned With Flood Situation

With the Red River flood making large headlines in the eastern press, Dominion Government authorities are concerned about the flood situation in the province, but have received no appeal for Federal aid from the Provincial Government.

Defence Minister Claxton has stated that the department of national defence would step in as it did two years ago in the Fraser Valley disaster if—and only if—the Red River flood should reach the proportions of a national disaster.

The authorities here are hoping there is no likelihood of loss to life and property in Manitoba on anything like the scale of the destruction in British Columbia in the spring of 1948.

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FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT, MRS. D. B. MacDONALD, DIES SUDDENLY TUESDAY

The death took place suddenly Tuesday afternoon of one of Elmwood's pioneer citizens in the person of Mrs. D. B. MacDonald, 928 Fleet ave., Fort Rouge, and formerly of 310 Glenwood Crescent.

Mrs. MacDonald, a native of Halifax, N.S., came west with her husband after their marriage, and for a period of 40 years had resided here. During that time she played a prominent part in all

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