

Threat Of Rain No. 1 Peril

Winnipeg — Cloudy with a few clear periods. Scattered showers Saturday afternoon. Winds light, Low tonight and high Saturday 40 and 60.

Rail Cut To Ease Danger

Threat of continued rain throughout the Red river valley was the No. 1 worry of flood control officials Friday as the river remained at its highest peak — 30.3 feet above datum.

Local weather office, however, is not too concerned over the outlook for the next few days. "There is a possibility of showers," one forecaster said, "but we do not expect they will be as heavy as those Thursday night."

Thursday night, wind and rain combined in a fresh assault against Greater Winnipeg's flood defences but early Friday afternoon all main dikes were reported still holding. Army flood control said Friday "a critical situation" along the Fort Garry dike line was an immediate threat to 200 homes at the outskirts of Fort Garry west of the Red river. These homes would be flooded if the McGillivray dike broke.

If railway embankments north of this dike also were breached, they said approximately 1,500 homes in River Heights and Crescentwood might be flooded.

Army engineers said there could be "no guarantee" that the railway embankments would hold if the dike went.

At 6:30 a.m., Canadian National railway workers completed a 300-foot breach in their Emerson line to let water from flood-created "McGillivray lake" flow east into the Red. This was done to lessen the amount of water threatening to overflow into the south part of Fort Rouge.

A call for 250 volunteers to work on Fort Garry dikes went out at 10:30 a.m.

Ten railway cars of sand were also rushed to the Fort Garry dike battle early Friday.

River level at James street pumping station at 1 p.m. was 30.3 feet above datum. A rise of one-tenth of a foot occurred Thursday afternoon. Previously the level at

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10,500 CITY, SUBURB HOMES HIT

London Eager To Help

A great kind hand stretched out across the sea, Friday, and offered its aid. "Is there anything we can do to help?" "We will do everything we are able to do!" Straight from the big, warm heart of London came the message — a warm, ringing message of cheer — of anxiety, of compassion, of desire to do all it could to help out those afflicted.

It was a voice of loyalty, of promise, of hope and encouragement to a stricken people from a great city which also has suffered great trouble.

It came across thousands of miles of land and sea in a trans-Atlantic telephone call directly to the Winnipeg Free Press from the London News Chronicle.

"Please tell us what we can do for you," said Ronald Camp, the Chronicle's chief staff reporter specially assigned to make the offer of aid on behalf of his paper.

Informed that direct aid in the form of money was most urgently needed he promised that everything possible would be done that way so far as currency restrictions permitted and suggested that perhaps the people of London could help greatly by furnishing gifts in kind.

"We will be very grateful for anything the people of London can do for us," he was told. In this connection he was advised that it would be best if he got in touch with Premier Douglas L. Campbell direct.

This he did in a later trans-Atlantic call and the premier thanked him for the offer and gave him the address of the relief fund.

The premier noted the difficulties the people of Great Britain had endured in the past, and said Manitoba would be grateful for any assistance.

The Chronicle reporter asked the Free Press about the flood devastation. He was appalled to hear the extent of the catastrophe.

He was told: • That the Red river had risen from 30 feet 3 inches

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I've Lost Everything!



This is a man with 80 years in his past — but no future. Andrew Dinning, an old-age pensioner, was flooded out in a Red river valley town. He came to Winnipeg. But the river caught up to him and flooded him out again. He had little — but what he had he lost: his razor, his tobacco pouch, his identification documents. He lost all his pictures — snapshots of the ones he loved. Mr. Dinning was then taken to Red Cross headquarters in the civic auditorium. He sat there, looking bleakly in front of him. He hardly blinked when the photographer's flashbulb went off. He sat, in failing health, and was given a list of clothing he could get from the Red Cross. He is still there, being cared for by the Red Cross. He is typical of thousands who need your help. Address your donation to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund, Fifth Floor, Union Trust Building, Lombard and Main, Winnipeg.

Toll May Grow In Later Survey

Rampaging river waters have hit about 10,500 homes in Greater Winnipeg.

Mayor Garnet Coulter revealed Friday that official flood records alone showed 6,000 homes inundated in the Greater Winnipeg area.

In addition, he pointed out, large areas in both city and suburbs have been affected by basement flooding.

Mayor Coulter added that it was impossible as yet to make an accurate estimate.

The estimate of 10,500 flooded homes was compiled by William Courage, emergency housing director for the city, with the aid of Reeves and mayors of suburban municipalities, he disclosed.

In Winnipeg proper, about 2,800 homes have been stricken by flood waters, according to the estimate. A breakdown of the flood figures for the suburban municipalities and St. Boniface city showed:

- St. Boniface, 1,500 flooded homes, most of them badly inundated.
- St. Vital, 4,000, of which 40 per cent. were in serious condition;
- Fort Garry, 700, involving first-floor flooding in about 600 cases;
- West Kildonan, 600, the majority suffering first-floor damage;
- East Kildonan, 500, many of them with minor flooding of basements;
- St. James, 200, the majority of them basement flooding cases;
- North Kildonan, 20, severely flooded;
- West St. Paul, 35, badly inundated;
- Old Kildonan, 20, also in serious condition.

CNR Figures Crop Loss \$20,000,000

Crop loss to Red River Valley farmers from floods was estimated at \$20,000,000 Friday, by the agricultural department of the Canadian National railways.

Areas inundated was placed at 500,000 acres, and included 2,000 farms, the Canadian Pacific railway said in its weekly crop survey.

Approximately 400,000 acres of this land normally would be seeded to wheat, and 100,000 acres put in grasses, sugar beets, alfalfa, sunflowers and other small crops, it said.

The railways described conditions in other crop areas as follows: Other points in southern Manitoba indicate a possible wheat decrease of 10 per cent. to 15 per cent. with possible increase in oats, barley and flax. Seeding in these sections will not be general until May 24.

Weather Cool Cripps Opens U.K.-Canadian Wheat Parley

Weather was cool in northern Manitoba, with light rains and showers. Little seeding has been done, but with warmer weather, it should be general early next week. Moisture conditions are good except at Minitonas and Swan River, where conditions are fair to good.

Wheat Seeding Slow Saskatchewan has 30 per cent. of its wheat seeded compared to 88 per cent. at this same period a year ago. In Alberta one half of the wheat has been seeded as against 83 per cent. in mid-May last year.

Little seeding of oats and barley has been done in Saskatchewan where only 12 per cent. of the crop is in the ground. Last year in Saskatchewan 72 per cent. of oats and barley had been seeded by this time. Alberta seeding of oats and barley is 27 per cent. completed as compared with 64 per cent. in 1949.

Temperatures

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

Location	Min.	Max.	Prec.
Vancouver	42	56	.11
Calgary	38	53	.11
Edmonton	39	53	.27
Swift Current	35	52	.00
Saskatoon	35	50	.03
Regina	35	50	.11
Port Arthur	42	58	.30
Winnipeg	44	64	.37
Port Churchill	32	46	.00
Port Arthur	37	61	.00
Toronto	45	61	.41
Ottawa	45	53	.16
Montreal	46	53	.15
Halifax	37	57	.00

The talks will continue Monday and may last as long as a week. The negotiations Friday marked the opening of efforts to find out how much wheat and flour Britain wants from Canada in 1950-51 and how much she is prepared to pay.

Premier Promises Aid For Immediate Costs

The Manitoba government will see to it that the municipalities in the inundated area "do not lack money to carry on the work that they believe is necessary" in meeting immediate flood costs, Premier D. L. Campbell promised Thursday night when he spoke over a province-wide radio network.

He was elaborating on the statement he issued Thursday in which he pledged his government to provide substantial financial help to those whose homes had been damaged, on a basis of need.

Here is the text of his statement: "By now you have all read in the newspapers the statement which I made at noon following a meeting of the cabinet and in which the government of Manitoba gave its pledge to give substantial financial assistance in cases of need in the rehabilitation of houses, both rural and urban. At the same time, within its financial means and based on the principle of need, it would aid financially in the restoration of public property which has been damaged by the flood. The government will stand by its pledge.

"While there has been criticism in some quarters that the government has tried too long in making this statement, it was our view that we should not make rash promises in the heat of the fight which we could not fulfill. I felt that it would be unfair to those directly

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Interim Grant From Ottawa Seen Probable

BY HUGH BOYD

OTTAWA, May 19 (Special) — Probability of an interim federal grant to cope with the Red river flood disaster was seen here Friday as the newly appointed fact-finding commission prepared to assess the damage.

"The chances of this step being taken are increased by the knowledge that it may be many weeks before the commission can reach anything like an accurate estimate of the loss.

Moreover, as they begin their task, there is still a very real danger of still further havoc occurring.

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Canada, U.S. To Aid Europe After 1952

LONDON, May 19 — Canada and other Western powers are making sweeping moves on the economic and military fronts to assure ascendancy over Soviet Russia.

Here are the latest developments:

1. Canada and the United States Thursday gave notice they intend to share in Europe's economic problems in 1952 when the European Recovery plan ends. The two countries announced that they would join on an informal basis the Organization for European Economic Co-Operation.

2. Hon. L. B. Pearson, Canada's external affairs minister, and the foreign ministers of Britain, the United States and France have agreed on a "working relationship" in economic matters. This ultimately may require formal machinery, but none will be set up immediately.

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Ottawa Hails Deal With U.S. To Swap Arms

OTTAWA, May 19 (CP) — Canada's defence headquarters Thursday exulted over what one high official called "the biggest defence news in several years."

It was the announcement in Washington by Defence Secretary Louis Johnson that the United States forces have been directed to develop a programme under which the U.S. and Canada would purchase between \$15,000,000 and \$25,000,000 worth of military equipment annually from each other.

This sort of reciprocal purchase is what Canada has been pressing for since before the late James Forrestal Mr. Johnson's predecessor, visited Ottawa in August, 1948.

The announcement represents only a partial victory for Canada but is hailed here as a victory in principle that could lead to the larger hope — a full-scale peacetime equivalent of the war-time Hyde park agreement for full integration of military production.

Mr. Johnson in this case has taken advantage of a loophole in the buy-American legislation which virtually forbids the U.S. forces to buy non-American equipment. The loophole is a clause which permits the forces to buy certain foreign equipment if it is certified that it is in the American interest to do so.

People Of Manitoba Give \$209,814 To Flood Relief

Manitoba is out in front. In the fight to put the province back on its feet, citizens of the province already have contributed \$209,814 to the Manitoba Flood Relief fund, an incomplete return showed Friday.

The grand total of the fund, which includes contributions from the whole dominion, is now on its way to the \$500,000 mark.

Here are some of the highlights of the Manitoba campaign to date:

• By Thursday, the employees of three Winnipeg firms had made donations 100 per cent. to the rehabilitation fund — J. H. Ashdown Hardware company, the Midwest Storage company and the Manitoba Cartage company.

• From the Great-West Life Assurance company in Winnipeg came a cheque for \$25,000.

• The Kinsmen Welfare board in Winnipeg has given \$5,000.

THE LARGEST DONATION • The largest donation to the provincial fund so far has come from the Winnipeg Grain exchange. A total of \$173,979 already has been given by members of the exchange and more is expected.

Veterans in Canada have contributed \$1,000. Employees of the Winnipeg Electric company are being asked to donate one hour's pay every pay day for the next 12 months. Officers of the Federated Council O.B.U. and the management

expect the contribution to work out to approximately \$24 from each of the company's 2,500 employees.

\$1,000 FROM ABERDEEN • From Aberdeen, Scotland, came a donation of

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\$425,427 Donations Now In Relief Fund

Swelling the Manitoba Flood Relief fund to an unofficial total of almost three-quarters of a million dollars Friday morning, Canadians from coast to coast and

Donations to the fund should be addressed to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund, fifth floor, Union Trust building, Lombard and Main, Winnipeg.

From all walks of life boosted their efforts to make flooded homes in the Red river valley liveable once again.

An official total, issued Thursday night, was \$425,427 and this represented money actually received at fund headquarters.

One half, or \$153,517, has been contributed by employees of the company. This total has been matched by the firm. Employee totals, including previous figures, are composed of: Toronto, \$60,000; Winnipeg, \$45,000; British Columbia, \$23,760; eastern units, \$14,275; and western stores, \$10,482.

The citizens of Edmonton have already contributed more than \$80,000 for Manitoba flood relief. Mayor Sid Parsons stated Thursday in a telephone conversation with

Impetus was given to the drive Friday by the T. Eaton company

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Small Talk

Whatta Puddle!