

## Crest Still Two Days From City

As flood waters of the Red river mounted over the 1948 peak in Winnipeg Tuesday, rainfall threatened to create an even more serious situation in the city and suburbs.

This was the official weather forecast for the Red river region including Winnipeg city:

Overcast. Light snow or rain, beginning Tuesday afternoon, ending at night. Wednesday — cloudy. Snow or rain showers during the afternoon.

At 1 p.m. the Red river at the James avenue pumping station had reached 23.7 feet above datum — 4 feet above the high level of the flood two years ago.

Civic and volunteer workers throughout Greater Winnipeg labored Tuesday to build up dike defences against the river as it continued its steady rise.

According to official estimates, the crest was still at least two days away.

Tuesday night the Canadian army are rushing a convoy from Shilo camp with 90 army men and four officers of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery to stand by in Winnipeg.

Acting Mayor C. E. Simons, Tuesday called a meeting of representatives from municipalities in the Greater Winnipeg area.

The meeting, to take place Friday at 2 p.m., is for a complete discussion of the flood situation.

Monday night appeals were broadcast from Winnipeg radio stations for volunteers to help patrol and bolster dikes in St. Vital and Fort Garry.

These are the official Red river level figures taken at various points at 8 a.m. Tuesday and released by the provincial drainage branch:

Point	Elevation	1948 Peak	Dist. from Winnipeg
Grand Forks	782.2	782.2	170 miles
Emerson	782.7	782.7	170 miles
Letellier (above water)	782.7	782.7	170 miles
St. Jean Baptiste	779.5	779.5	170 miles
Norwood	775.5	775.5	170 miles
St. Agathe	770.1	770.1	170 miles
St. Pierre	768.1	768.1	170 miles
Winnipeg	751.37	751.37	0 miles

The flood picture: ST. BONIFACE — City workers are working day and night here to bolster a 12-foot dike along Lyndale drive. So far, the dike is holding, according to Joseph Bibeault, city engineer.

Five bulldozers, two draglines and 23 trucks have been pressed into service to raise the dike as the water crept to within two feet of the top.

Dikes are being reinforced back of St. Boniface hospital and 25 loads of earth an hour are being rushed to the area.

Winnipeg — City Engineer W. D. Hurst expressed concern Tuesday over the situation at Scotia street and McAdam avenue and on Glenwood crescent in Elmwood.

Pressure of water in these two districts has started to back up in sewer catch basins and run into the streets. Pumping operations have not been able to keep up with the river.

A number of basements in the Scotia street (Winnipeg) area are already reported flooded, although those houses are some distance from the river.

Situation Critical — Mr. Hurst described the situation as "becoming very critical" and said water was seeping through sandbags at sewer openings.

On Glenwood crescent the river is within a few inches of houses on the west side and has already inundated backyards.

Tuesday morning the river was lapping at the foot of the dike built across the east end of Lombard street in the downtown area. Canadian Na-

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Sun Rise 6:04 a.m. Moon Rise 10:15 p.m.  
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FORECAST: Snow or Rain

# 2 RIVERS SWAMP DOMINION CITY



The army Tuesday was fighting mounting flood waters in the Kingston Row area of St. Vital. Here, from left to right, are Staff Sergeant J. Taylor, Staff Sergeant C. Lushke, Sgt. J. MacKay, Pte. L. Bear and W.O. 2 A. E. Piper carrying sandbags along the top of a dike already built to bolster spots where water is seeping through. Water, to the right of the dike, had reached to within a few inches of the top of the barrier. Pumps are being used to pour out the water on the left of the sandbags.

## Filthy Water Laps Houses In Elm Park

Kingston Row and Crescent district is normally one of Greater Winnipeg's beauty spots. But right now you'll find no one admiring the district.

Ugly waters of the Red river Tuesday held most of the area in their grip.

Beautiful residences on the north side of the Row are surrounded by two and a half feet of filthy water. Nearly all of these homes are evacuated now.

On the south side, 32 soldiers, navy personnel and more than 100 civilian volunteers are fighting a "delaying action" to hold the river in check.

They are building a sandbag dike from the rear of 214 west along the drive. As quickly as the workers build up one threatened spot, another one is found to claim their attention.

Civilian volunteers hurried to the threatened St. Vital area Tuesday in response to a Red Cross appeal. They include neighbors who have already been forced to evacuate their dwellings.

Canoes and rowboats are being used by some of the flood fighters to travel along the street, now under about 18 inches of water in some areas.

Army and navy personnel have been building the dikes on a 24 hour basis. Pumps are being used to pour water out of the yards of homes which may yet be saved from flooding.

18,000,000 OUTSIDE SOVIET LONDON, May 2 (Reuters) — The Moscow radio said Monday there are nearly 18,000,000 Communists outside Russia — a big increase over pre-war figures.

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## CPR To Lay Off 100 In City 'Back Shops'

Approximately 100 employees in Winnipeg will be affected by immediate layoffs of about 500 shop workers in western and central Canada by the Canadian Pacific railway, it was learned Tuesday.

N. R. Crump, vice-president of the company, said "lower rail traffic and consequent slackening in demands for equipment maintenance will cause minor reductions in the staff of the C.P.R. repair shops, particularly back shops, throughout the system."

The layoffs mainly affect temporary employees with six months service or less in the main shops in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver, it was learned.

Starting Saturday the entire Weston shop, affecting about 1,500 shopmen, will go on a 40-hour work week, it was also learned. Reasons for reduction in hours were given the same as for reduction of staff.

As far as could be learned here no similar plans for layoffs are contemplated by the Canadian National railways.

"Back shops" are the shops where general overhauls and large-scale repairs are carried out. Comments on the layoffs were not available from responsible railway unions as they are now attending a convention in Toronto, representing all crafts on both national railways.

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## Red Eases Grip On Emerson, Lashes Out In New Direction

Easing their grip on Emerson, Manitoba flood waters lashed out in another direction Tuesday. Combined Red and Roseau river waters swamped Dominion City, 60 miles south of Winnipeg, just west of Letellier. As the waters rose during Monday more families were evacuated from the town, which had its main street under water. Measurements Tuesday showed the flood had surged up 28 inches since Sunday morning.

Although flooded for the past 10 days, Dominion City had hoped the Red would subside sufficiently to take care of Roseau backwaters and run-offs.

Instead, the waters rose until Tuesday they were ankle-deep over the south approach to a traffic bridge into town. The approach was hurriedly gravelled in efforts to keep the road open.

Meanwhile, the flood exceeded 1948 levels at all points between the border and Winnipeg.

Trains Still Run — Main line trains on the Emerson-Winnipeg run were "still operating" Tuesday at noon, officials of both rail companies announced.

More than 450 men were served to evacuate at Morris, Monday, from a dining car sent down by Canadian National railways to ease flood problems.

There was growing concern for the Liny farming hamlet of Rose-nort, 10 miles north-east of Morris. The village was feeling the onslaught of the Morris floods which moved on during the week-end.

While there are few families actually in the tiny village, surrounding areas are fertile arable land to which great harm might be done.

Officials in Morris Tuesday discussed the evacuation of the Rose-nort area, but had come to no decision at noon. They despatched a boat for investigation.

With smaller points such as this being hit by the still-aggressive flood, Manitoba department of agriculture officials became concerned as to seeding dates this year.

At Emerson near-tragedy occurred late Monday when a motorboat carrying three Americans crashed into the pier of a party-boat on the No. 75 highway bridge half-a-mile south.

C. Bouvette, of Mallock, Minn., stepped from the boat to the pier and managed to hold the damaged craft, in which were his wife and Mrs. R. Larson, also of Mallock, from being swept down the current.

Achiele Batchelor and Bill Wightman heard the cries of the stranded trio and transferred them to their launch.

Towns along the Red's course reported: EMERSON — 67 miles from Winnipeg — flood dropped 18 inches to measure 46 feet at 8:30 a.m. — heavy, wet snow fell — long distance lines to Winnipeg functioned through Manitoba telephone system radio link; only four phones in town operating — three telephone operators who kept exchange open until Monday's inundation left; for a rest in Winnipeg — emergency calls within town taken care of by strategically-spotted boats in place of phone service.

LETELLIER — 56 miles from Winnipeg — 200 feet of well-worn dike still standing between inundation and the town — water level constant overnight — now stands about 18 inches over 48 high — gov-

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## Moose Jaw Man Held In Murder

MOOSE JAW, May 2 (EUP) — Police Tuesday charged Thomas Grant, 45, of Moose Jaw, with the mutilation-slaying of Wenzel Harte! near here last week.

Harte!'s body was found in a ditch seven miles southwest of here eight days ago. He had been shot twice in the head. Harte!'s face was battered and police said an attempt had been made to burn his gasoline-soaked body.

Police, who charged Grant with murder, said motive was believed to have been jealousy over a woman.

## City CCF'ers Protest New TCA Transfers

A telegram protesting "gradual liquidation" of Trans-Canada Airline's Winnipeg staff was forwarded to Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent late Monday. The signatures of five C.C.F. Winnipeg M.L.A.'s.

The action followed revelation Monday that large scale layoffs were causing considerable dissatisfaction among the company's employees here.

No details of the layoffs were available from company officials Tuesday. A full report was promised for the middle of the week.

The telegram stated the process of "liquidation" had begun last year "when administrative staff was moved to Montreal" and pointed out engineering and mechanical crews are now being laid off and administrative officers demoted.

"Last November," the protest declared, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe promised there would be no further transfer of Trans-Canada Airline personnel. We trust this promise will be kept and Winnipeg maintained as a fully operating divisional centre for the company."

The protest was signed by Lloyd Stinson, Winnipeg South, Donovan Swales and Gordon Fines, Winnipeg Centre, and M. A. Gray and

## Seeding May Be Delayed

Agricultural experts Tuesday were predicting serious economic losses for flood-stricken farmers in the Red river valley if inundated lands fail to dry up as rapidly as they did in 1948.

However, one expert stressed, if the farmers get a break in the weather in the next week or so they should be able to make a rapid recovery from flooding.

One expert predicted a swing to flax and barley, which can be seeded later than wheat without risking autumn frosts before harvesting. Most wheat, he said, is usually sown by the third week in May, although some Red river valley farmers were sowing as late as June 15 after the 1948 floods.

The flood now covers some of the best wheat growing land in western Canada. Only a quick runoff and continuous warm, dry weather will open up the area for early seeding.

"No matter how early they are able to seed," he said, "farmers are going to suffer tremendous losses as a result of the flood."

Large quantities of valuable rust and collect mud in farm yards, and may cause further delays. River silt, he said, sticks to machinery "like glue" and takes a lot of work to remove.

Supplies of seed, it was learned, are adequate to meet most needs in the area. A number of municipalities have reported to the provincial government that they can meet local requirements.

In addition, the province has shipped 10 carloads of seed into the valley to be available to farmers who have lost their supplies. Under legislation already on the statute books, farmers may obtain seed loans from the government through their municipalities.

A serious feed shortage throughout the southern and eastern parts of the province has also been aggravated by the floods and late snow. Feed supplies were short last fall and farmers were counting on an early spring to get cattle out on the land.

Provincial agriculture department officials predicted that it will be "at least another three weeks" before pastures are ready.

Meanwhile, there have been reports of some farmers using straw from shed roofs and stored grain to feed starving cattle in the Carman-Elm Creek area where a heavy deluge of snow Sunday further delayed spring growth.

Departmental officials were inclined to minimize the importance of such rumors, saying that although the feed situation was "serious," there were few cases of cattle actually starving.

One source said that records for the last 10 years show that seeding generally has been under way by mid-April. However, in at least four years, 1945, 1947, 1948 and 1949 — it was into May before

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## Water Damage Likely To Slow Road Wind-Up

Damage to the new Winnipeg-Emerson highway through the town of Morris may delay road-surfacing scheduled for completion this year, an official of the provincial public works department said Tuesday.

Other sections of the highway between Morris and Emerson are not expected to be damaged by the flood, the official said, and the paving will be completed this year as planned.

The stretch of No. 75 through Morris town as far as the district fair grounds, however, has been badly damaged. No preliminary work had been done on this part of the road before the floods.

The rest of the highway south of Morris had been graded last year. Departmental engineers expect that subsurface frost under the water will hold the grade firm in flooded sections, and that paving will proceed as scheduled.

Paving of the Winnipeg-Morris part of the road was completed last year. The section through the town of Morris, the official said, will be black-topped. Remainder of the highway is of reinforced concrete.

## Date Of Third War Set, U.S. General Declares

WICHITA, Kas., May 2 (AP) — Gen. George C. Kenney, four-star United States air force general said Monday he believes war with Russia is coming, with Russia as the attacker. Gen. Kenney, Canadian-born wartime head of Allied air forces in the Pacific, told the Rotary club here that Russian leaders "probably" have gone as far as to set a year for the attack.

## House Debates Flood Situation

OTTAWA, May 2 (CP) — The commons Monday debated flood conditions in Manitoba and heard a warning that they have not yet reached their peak and that damage running to millions of dollars can be expected.

During a four-hour discussion government ministers said:

1. A clearer picture will be necessary before the government can indicate what steps will be taken on federal assistance. Meanwhile, everything possible is being done.

2. Full and sympathetic consideration for late filing of 1949-50 income-tax returns will be given flood-stricken residents in Manitoba. The deadline was midnight Monday night, May 1.

Four-Hour Debate BY HUGH BOYD OTTAWA, May 2 (Special) — The commons heard a four-hour debate Monday on the Manitoba floods without any positive assurance from the government that it would grant financial aid to the devastated area.

However, all but one of the government supporters from Manitoba in the debate indicated they were satisfied that Ottawa could be relied on to do the right thing, and that it was not important at this stage of the flood to get an exact statement of what it would do when the full extent of the damage became known.

Fernand Viau (L.—St. Boniface) disagreed with this "wait and see" attitude. He criticized Manitoba's premier, Hon. D. L. Campbell, for not speaking out and calling it a national emergency.

Hon. Stuart Garson, justice minister, said that the floods had not yet reached their peak, that no one had the "faintest idea" what property damage ultimately would be and that, therefore, "no honest" public man could give an understanding except in general terms as had already been given by Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent.

Also dissatisfied with Mr. Garson's statement were C.C.F. and Conservative members, including several from outside the province.

Rene Juras (L.—Trois-Rivières), who initiated the sub-

## Temperatures

Temperature readings during the 24 hour period ending at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, MAX. PREC. MIN.

Vancouver	47	54	25
Calgary	24	41	..
Edmonton	27	37	..
Winnipeg	26	31	..
Saskatoon	29	39	..
Brandon	26	35	..
Regina	26	35	..
Winnipeg	33	38	TR.
St. John's	11	29	..
Port Arthur	25	35	..
Toronto	37	53	..
Ottawa	37	47	..
Montreal	42	48	..
Halifax	38	51	..

## Another Walkout

LAKES SUCCESS, N.Y., May 2 (UPI) — Russia walked out of the United Nations Tuesday for the 24th time in its boycott of the world organization. Soviet delegate P. Chernyshev challenged the right of the Chinese Nationalists to sit on the committee on statistical classification.

## City CCF'ers Protest New TCA Transfers

John Hawryluk, Winnipeg North. The number of layoffs has been estimated at as high as 200. In April, company officials said that about 75 mechanics and other workers in the engineering and mechanical departments would be dismissed between May 1 and June 30.

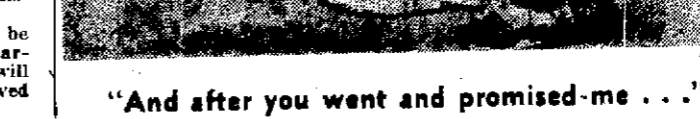
## Daily Traffic Pointer

No motor vehicle is to be towed on a highway unless the driver is in it, or unless it is so attached to the towing vehicle that it keeps on a straight course.

In built-up areas throughout the province, no vehicle shall be pushed from behind unless the driver is controlling it, and no vehicle is to be pushed across or into an intersection unless its motor is disabled.

In such a case, it can be pushed only as far as the nearest clear curb, where it will remain until it can be towed away.

## Small Talk



"And after you went and promised-me..."