

PRIME MINISTER REPEATS AID PLEDGE

River Level Drops To 30 Feet

Heavy Rain Held Lurking Menace

The Red river, at long last Monday, began to drop in earnest. Indications were that only a heavy rainfall could now halt the downward trend in Greater Winnipeg.

At 1 p.m. Monday, the level dropped to 30 feet above datum, according to the official reading at the James avenue pumping station.

Floater Policy Holders To Get Compensation

Flood victims holding personal property floater insurance policies will receive compensation for damage done to their furniture or personal effects.

This was announced Monday in a joint statement by all licensed insurance companies writing this type of policy in Manitoba.

Those persons who hold floater policies and who have claims have been asked by the companies to notify their insurance agent or company at once in writing, if possible.

Details requested are the name, address prior to the flood, present temporary address and policy number, if possible.

Other items, such as additional living expenses and necessary to protect household furniture and personal effects may also be recoverable after loss or damage has been incurred under terms of the policies.

However, the insurance firms point out, that as this is additional protection offered these claims can only be considered when all the facts are known and the adjusters have made necessary inspections.

The insurance firms' statement said more adjusters and company officials were being flown to Manitoba from other provinces to speed up service to flood victims.

A central adjusting office has been established in Winnipeg. It is ready to function as claims are reported and flood conditions permit inspection of premises.

Floater policy holders are expected to do everything they can to protect household furniture and personal effects from further damage, the statement notes.

Within their power and working under difficult conditions every thing possible will be done to serve policyholders, the insurance firms promised.

Ottawa Grants \$9,500 For B.C. Polio Victims

OTTAWA, May 22 (CP)—Federal grants totalling more than \$9,500 have been earmarked for the rehabilitation of poliomyelitis patients in British Columbia, the health department announced Monday.

The grants continue a programme started last year on the recommendation of the B.C. health department and are met from the west coast province's share in the annual \$500,000 federal grant for work among crippled children.



This is the lowest point the river has reached since May 12 when it was still on its way up to the record high of 30.3 feet. During 22 hours up to 1 p.m. Monday, the level dropped 2 of a foot, or approximately two and one-quarter inches.

No rain in the immediate offing, according to the meteorological office. Showers forecast for Monday in Saskatchewan may move into Manitoba Tuesday but there is no sign of an extensive rain area, a weather spokesman said.

The river's drop in Winnipeg, plus reports of continued recession at all southern Manitoba points, lead flood experts to estimate that the fall will probably accelerate in the next few days.

However, authorities continue to emphasize that danger of additional flooding in Greater Winnipeg is still a long way from past.

Evacuation is still being urged by flood control headquarters and those who have already quit the city are warned not to come back yet.

Higgins avenue subway was flooded Sunday night and closed to all traffic. The damage was regarded at flood control headquarters as a reminder to citizens that danger continues to exist.

"It is highly significant that this subway damage should occur at a time when many people feel that all danger has passed," commented Brig. J. W. Brice, deputy director of flood control.

"The floor of this subway weakened and gave way because of the water pressure from beneath," he added. "There are many other Winnipeg and district thoroughfares subjected to this same pressure today."

The deputy director said that on advice of engineers, serious damage to the C.P.R. main line trestle might result from continued efforts to keep the subway open, so that the project was being diked off.

Pumping is being controlled so that safety of the overhead trestle is ensured at the same time as flooding of the surrounding district is prevented.

Residents of Brandon "flats" got See FLOOD Page 6



Getting a first-hand view of Winnipeg's flood waters, Hon. Stuart Garson, federal minister of justice; Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, and his daughter, Mrs. Hugh O'Donnell, waded through the water-covered streets during the prime minister's four-hour inspection tour Sunday.

75% Formula To Apply Here

The principles and considerations that applied in the granting of federal financial aid in the Fraser valley flood of 1948 will apply to the dominion-provincial financial arrangements to be worked out for the Red river valley floods, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent re-emphasized Sunday.

The federal government in the Fraser valley flood paid 75 per cent of the costs of fighting the flood and building permanent remedial works. And while not accepting any direct responsibility for damage to private property, Ottawa also made a cash grant to the coast province of \$5,000,000, the bulk of which was spent on relief and the rehabilitation of private property.

Recalling that the federal government had stepped in with assistance in the Fraser Valley flood, the prime minister said the federal government wished to treat all Canadians in all parts of Canada "in the same way."

Mr. St. Laurent made his statements regarding forthcoming dominion aid for the flood-stricken Red river valley during a press conference at the Fort Garry hotel Sunday night.

Nearly 50 reporters crowded into the room to question the prime minister. The conference was cut short when he was rushed off to a provincial government reception in another part of the hotel.

The prime minister also: 1. Discussed possible remedial measures that might be taken in Manitoba to prevent the Red overflowing, and said the problem was being studied by the international joint commission.

2. Toured the inundated areas in Greater Winnipeg and flew over the flooded valley. 3. Reported he found "no despondency" among flood-weary Winnipeggers and congratulated them upon retaining their western spirit of enterprise undiminished.

4. Said the federal government would not deal directly with individuals in providing financial assistance. It would deal with the provincial government. 5. Expressed confidence that Canadians everywhere would support the Manitoba flood relief fund.

Pressed for details on how the financing of the big job of rehabilitation would be carried out Mr. St. Laurent replied with some heat that he had already said in parliament.

(May 8 the prime minister read to the house the text of a telegram he had despatched to Premier D. L. Campbell. In it he promised that in arriving at the amount of federal assistance to the province "we shall apply the same principles as those upon which our assistance to the British Columbia government in connection with the Fraser River valley floods was determined.")

The prime minister pointed out that a federal-provincial commission had been appointed. It consists of Bruce Shaw, Winnipeg, and J. B. Carswell of Vancouver, the former appointed by the province and the latter by the federal government.

"A Big Job" Mr. Carswell and Mr. Shaw have a big job ahead of them," said the prime minister. "All those who have suffered will want something concrete they can count upon. The commissioners will turn in a report as soon as possible."

The commission's terms of reference required it to inquire into the nature and extent of the flood damage. It was to consider the cost of fighting the flood and the providing of emergency relief, and of emergency precautions to guard against the recurrence of such flood conditions.

Later, in a brief speech at the provincial government's reception, the prime minister discussed remedial measures that might be taken.

By Monday, the province's own contributions to the fund stood at \$436,917. A 120-member committee in Winnipeg was pushing the drive to every town and village in the province.

Other Highlights Other highlights of the Manitoba drive over the week-end were: A contribution of \$25,000 from the Winnipeg Foundation was announced by Chief Justice E. A. McEwen, chairman of the advisory board.

Manitoba's doctors had already contributed \$15,000 to the fund. Further large returns are expected. Dr. P. H. T. Thorlakson of Winnipeg, reported to the Winnipeg committee Sunday.

Winnipeg grain companies and associates contributed a total of \$261,000 by Saturday. Recent donations included \$5,000 from the McCabe Grain company and \$5,000 from the Kiewit Brewing company, limited.

Harold Bishop of the Manitoba Exhibitors' association reported that letters of appeal sent to all trade publications in the show world "will cover the universe."

A booth to solicit funds for the campaign will be set up at the forthcoming industrial trade fair in Toronto by members of the needle trades in Winnipeg, said M. Neaman.

Travellers passing through Winnipeg are making donations. Special booths have been set up in Montreal and Halifax.

He pointed out that figures quoted Sunday by Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent were far below those already in the hands of civic officials.

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The task of arranging the survey was left with the city's re-establishment committee, under the chairmanship of N. S. Bubbis, general manager of the Greater Winnipeg Water district.

Two-Stage Job Mr. Bubbis described the survey as a two-stage job: the first stage involving evidence of present water levels in city homes; the second stage, that of estimating actual damage after the water has receded.

He said he thought he could obtain the co-operation of city photographers in getting pictures of flooded districts. "We need actual visual evidence... a pictorial count of flood-affected homes. We will have to set categories, dividing the homes into classes, separating those flooded above first-floor level, from those

Tomorrow Is 'All-Out' V-W Day; Relief Goal \$400,000 In 24 Hours

Manitoba will go all out to help its own flood victims on V-W Day, Tuesday. A goal of \$400,000 has been set for the one-day drive. Employees will be asked to volunteer their wages — to contribute at least one day's pay to the Manitoba Flood Relief fund.

Labor unions, employers, radio stations and newspaper are backing the campaign to show the rest of Canada that Manitoba is doing its best for post-flood rehabilitation.

Top-Rank Entertainers Set Giant Show For Flood Fund

The biggest radio extravaganza ever staged in Canada, the Red River Relief Rally, will bring top stars of the entertainment world to help increase the national tide of relief rolling towards Manitoba. The giant show will go out Friday over nearly every station in Canada from Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto.

Already, the national fund in aid of flood-battered Manitobans has become a flood-tide sweeping towards its objective of \$10,000,000.

A week-end wave of \$202,000 brought the fund total to \$747,000 by Saturday. Officials believe that the million-dollar mark will be reached by Monday night.

Dreamed up by two former Winnipeg radlomen, the giant "Flood the Fund" air show will go out over all 14 CBC radio stations and more than 100 private stations across the country.

Miss Margaret Truman, singing daughter of the United States president, has been invited to perform on the benefit show.

Artists Those who have already consented to appear include: George Formby, the British comedian; Sir Ernest MacMillan and his 100-piece Toronto Symphony orchestra; Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians; Giselle, singing star formerly of St. Boniface; George Murray, tenor and John Fisher, radio commentator.

The idea for the show came as a result of a telephone conversation between Hugh Newton, public relations consultant in Toronto, and Waldo Holden, sales manager of station CFRE in Toronto. Mr. Holden was formerly with CKRC in Winnipeg while Mr. Newton served both CKRC and the first CKY in this city.

George Formby wired from Britain that he would be glad to fly to Toronto for the Maple Leaf gardens show, "which incidentally is on my birthday."

Trans-Canada Air lines will fly Mr. Formby and American stars in to Toronto free of charge.

Free Gardens Conn Smythe, managing director of the Maple Leaf gardens, is donating the use of the Toronto emporium for the show, which

Despite the bumps and jolts of his jeep ride, the 68-year-old first minister seemed tireless as he kept pace with the army officers conducting the tour. He travelled by jeep, boat and on foot, sloshing through water up to his knees as he showed the sights of this flood-

Lie Proposes West Leaders Meet Stalin

PARIS, May 22 (BUP)—Trygve Lie, secretary-general of the United Nations, urged Premier Georges Bidault Monday to sit down with Premier Josef Stalin and other world leaders in an effort to settle the cold war before it is too late.

Mr. Lie talked for 90 minutes with Stalin last week in Moscow. He went there to feel out Russian leaders on the possibility of settling the differences between the West and the east.

Tuesday Mr. Lie will repeat his arguments for a top-level cold war peace effort to Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin, British foreign secretary, and possibly Prime Minister Clement Attlee.

He will fly to the United States for similar talks with President Truman and Dean Acheson, U.S. state secretary.

Before he went to Moscow he said the cold war could lead only to a shooting war sooner or later, and an effort to bridge the east-west gap must be made this year.

Adult Education Group Elects Muir President

TORONTO, May 22 (CP)—James Muir of Montreal, president of the Royal Bank of Canada, has been elected president of the Canadian Association for Adult Education, it was announced Monday at opening sessions of the national conference on adult education.

New council members include Dr. John Eriksen, Harold Fry, Miss Margaret Nix and Mrs. K. Russenholt, Winnipeg.

City To Gather Data On Affected Homes

A detailed survey of flood levels in houses throughout the city was ordered Monday by Winnipeg's flood control committee.

It was agreed that "positive evidence" should be gathered immediately of present flood conditions, through photographs and exhaustive reports.

"We are going to be asked for evidence. Now is the time to get it," Mayor Garnet Coulter declared.

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Small Talk advertisement featuring a photograph of a young boy and the text: 'Small Talk Boy! That Sun's Sure Good!'.

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