

Letellier Fights Epic Flood Battle

Salient Points In Situation

- Hon. Stuart Garson flying from Ottawa to Winnipeg to make personal survey of flood situation.
- Premier Douglas Campbell denies charge by E. A. Hansford, opposition leader, that provincial government not coping with flood.
- Dairy produce consignments pile up in flood-stranded towns.
- Forecast of continuous rain adds greatly to flood peril.
- The flood forced a second Canadian National railways cancellation of service between Winnipeg and the border.

- Letellier—"Tobruk" of flood battle—is only wholly dry town along Red river between Winnipeg and Emerson as residents put up epic battle behind 200-foot dike.
- Snowfall adds to discomfort of flood victims in some areas.
- The dikes around Morris hospital were breached by the flood waters which rose three inches in the town overnight.
- Highway No. 75 was covered at St. Norbert by an overnight rise of eight inches.

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CITY RUSHES LAST-DITCH DEFENCES

Hospital Dike Breached At Morris

Hit Hamlets Call For Aid

Like desert warfare the Battle of the Manitoba flood Thursday veered first one way, then another. The water had the edge. On some fronts success was with the residents — on others the still aggressive inundation did as it pleased.

The waters again took the offensive Thursday to outflank Morris and strike hard at the tiny hamlets of McTavish, Osborne and Domain to the northwest.

Calls for help from these Canadian Pacific line villages swamped Morris' mayor Harry Shewman, who did his best to answer them. Morris remained the centre of flood attraction.

A fourth town on the same line, lying west again of McTavish, had already felt the touch of flood waters. The latest movement took

Fort Garry Dike Bursts



Built by school boys, this dike in Fort Garry broke Wednesday afternoon. Ten minutes later the homes in the background were inundated.

25.5-Foot High Threatens Here

As Greater Winnipeg citizens prepared for the climax of their struggle against the rising Red river Thursday, city engineers predicted the swelling stream might reach a height of 25.5 feet above datum, highest since 1882, when it reached 26 feet.

At the same time, flood experts revised their forecast of when the crest of the flood is expected to reach the city.

Living Costs Pushed Up .3 By Food, Fuel

OTTAWA, May 4 (CP) — An advance in March prices for beef, eggs, coffee and coal pushed the cost-of-living index up three-tenths of a point to 164.0, the bureau of statistics reported Thursday.

The foods sub-index edged ahead from 204.0 to 204.5 points, reflecting a general advance in food prices with the exception of butter which went down slightly.

Higher prices for anthracite coal in Ontario and Quebec sent the fuel and lighting sub-group up from 136.3 to 138.0.

There was a slight increase, too, in the home furnishings group which advanced from 166.3 to 166.4, caused by higher prices for floor coverings.

An increase in automobile operating costs and drug prices advanced the miscellaneous column from 132.1 to 132.3.

Clothing was the only item to show a drop, from 181.4 to 181.2.

Rents were not surveyed and the sub-index remained unchanged at 122.7.

The index is calculated on the basis that 1935-39 prices equal 100.

Temperatures

Temperature readings during the 24 hour period ending at 8:30 a.m. Thursday were:

Location	Min.	Max.	Pre.
Vancouver	46	56	bc
Calgary	21	38	bc
Edmonton	29	48	bc
Swift Current	31	48	bc
Saskatoon	28	47	bc
Regina	30	43	bc
Brandon	31	46	bc
WINNIPEG	33	49	bc
Churhill	13	24	bc
Port Arthur	33	57	bc
Toronto	47	60	bc
Ottawa	44	58	bc
Montreal	41	55	bc
Halifax	43	60	bc

Torquay Tariff Talks May Yield 3-Way Deal

BY NORMAN M. MACLEOD
LONDON, May 4 (BUP)—British officials foresaw a new three-way tariff deal between Canada, the United States and Britain Thursday as the outcome of an international trade conference in Torquay, England, this fall.

A senior official in the board of trade, Britain's counterpart of Canada's trade and commerce department, said it was believed the Torquay talks would prove the most important tariff meeting in world economic history.

The official said Britain would be prepared to barter traditional empire preferences she now operates with Canada for cuts in most-favored-nations tariffs of the United States and Canada combined. Such a move would clear a path for earlier entry into North America of British goods.

The source said Britain's main idea at Torquay would be to negotiate North American markets for British goods. The drive was aimed at boosting Britain's dollar earnings and advancing toward a freer exchange of pounds and dollars.

British officials warned that the Torquay meeting in itself was unlikely to solve the devaluation problem in one stroke. But they hoped it would materially shorten the gap to be bridged.

Even if the talks do not go so far as achieving currency convertibility, board of trade officials suggested they would provide an answer to how much Canadian

Garson Holds Present Laws Can Halt Reds

OTTAWA, May 4 (CP) — Hon. Stuart Garson, justice minister, argued Wednesday in the commons that Canada's laws are adequate to cope with the internal menace of Communism and said a Progressive Conservative proposal to alter them would provide those laws with no new teeth.

He and M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, combined to deprecate a motion by George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, for introduction of legislation to make "Communist and similar activities" an offence punishable under the criminal code.

Mr. Coldwell shared Mr. Garson's opinion that Canada's laws now are adequate and said the proposal, if enacted, would be a political error of the first magnitude.

Mr. Coldwell said Canada's laws and institutions can deal with "overt acts" and argued that outlawing of Communists would encourage conspiracy, arouse unjustified sympathy, jeopardize political discussion and development and shake faith in democratic institutions.

Sand And Sweat Curbing Waters

BY GORDON SINCLAIR
Sand, sweat and soil is stemming the surge of the Red river in Winnipeg.

In a three-day tour of the most affected areas we've seen thousands of sandbags and tons of soil being built up into what would appear to be an unchallengeable barrier against the swell of flood waters.

But a normally friendly river, turned merciless foe, gives its opponents no respite.

Before hundreds of volunteers finish the back-breaking task of carrying sandbags to plug the river's assault in one spot the relentless water threatens to invade a new area.

From St. Norbert to West Kildonan, all along the course of the Red, flood-fighters appear to be holding their own against the water.

Constant Watch
But 24 hours a day, residents of Scotia street, Kingston row, Wildwood, and all the other flood areas are keeping constant watch on the crafty waters.

In districts where the work has outlasted the river's rise, a dusk-to-dawn patrol only is maintained.

In other areas, diking continues through the night and those who have not evacuated go to sleep with the throb of pumps in their ears.

Crescent Drive
For a picture of what happens when the river defeats dike-builders, take a look at Crescent drive, Fort Garry.

There, for days, a group of schoolboys kept a dirt dike inches above the river's backwash.

Wednesday afternoon the dam broke.

Within 10 minutes four homes on low-lying ground were swamped.

Thursday the houses were deserted. In one lights still burned.

Neighboring housewife explained: "The water came in so

Briton Is Appointed Successor To Fuchs In Top Atomic Post

LONDON, May 4 (AP)—Britain Thursday appointed a Briton to succeed atom spy Dr. Klaus Fuchs in its top atom research post.

Dr. Maurice H. L. Pryce, 37, was named chief of the theoretical physics division at Harwell, the ministry of supply's atom city.

Fuchs was sentenced to 14 years in prison March 1 for betraying secrets to Russia.

From 1941 to 1944 Dr. Pryce was engaged on radar research for the British navy and in 1944-45 on atomic energy research with Canada's National Research Council at Montreal.

United College Starts On \$250,000 Building

United college is starting a building programme on its present Portage avenue site.

The first unit will be a \$250,000 combined theological and general library building, Dr. W. C. Graham, principal of the college, announced Thursday that a contract for its construction has been let.

(Diagram on page 12)

Work on the new building will commence immediately and is expected to be completed by May 1, 1951. The structure will run parallel with Balmoral street immediately to the east of the present main college building.

Last fall, the college considered moving to Omand's park west on Portage avenue when the city asked ratepayers to approve a \$700,000 bylaw for its purchase of the college's property as the site of a new city hall. The bylaw was turned down, however, and the college's board of directors decided to continue with its plans for building on the present campus.

Erection of the new building will allow all the college's students to take their classes on the campus, Dr. Graham said. Due to increased enrolment and overcrowding, the college was forced to hold some classes in the Army and Navy hall on Young street until the present school year.

Some students also received tuition in the basement of Elgin chapel.

The cost of the new building will be covered by contributions to the college's building fund already received from United churches throughout Manitoba, the principal said.

To date, the fund has reached \$343,540, with 14,832 subscribers. More than 150 churches in the province exceeded their promised donations.

Future plans include the construction of a gymnasium and student centre on the campus, according to Dr. Graham. The second unit will be attached to the south end of the new theological and general library building.

Books In Attic
"Thousands of books are now stored in the attic of the college because there isn't an inch of space left in either of our two present libraries," the principal

Small Talk

Valuable archives have had to be left in the basement of Augustine United church ever since Manitoba college moved to the present site.

At present, the college's library consists of 50,000 volumes. Space will be provided in the new building for 150,000 books.

"We're looking 50 years ahead or more," Dr. Graham explained.

The theological faculty — the third largest in Canada — will have specially allocated classroom and office space for the first time. It will be housed on the second floor of the new building and will have a separate reading room on the ground or library floor.

"We look upon the theological course as the capstone of our college," the principal explained. "Our main emphasis is on the church and on a liberal education."

Chapel Planned
One feature of the new building will be a chapel on the ground floor with an entrance on to Balmoral street. The exterior will be of sawn Tyndal stone and part of the interior will be finished in smooth, light-colored brick.

Over the main entrance will be placed the Dr. John Mark King memorial window. At present, the window is in St. Paul's college which formerly was occupied by Manitoba college. Dr. King was a principal of Manitoba college. The appeal for funds, started in April, 1947, is to be continued.

Farm Products Held Up

Shipments of milk, cream and eggs were piling up in some of southern Manitoba's flood-stranded towns Thursday as the result of truck and train service break-downs.

Closer to Winnipeg, market gardeners saw their chances of valuable early crops disappearing as water crept higher in greenhouses and threatened to destroy seedlings. Most of their land lay under the murky waters of the Red river.

Winnipeg would not be affected to any serious extent by the cut-off of food supplies from the southern part of the province, local distributors said.

Farmers in the southern district were expected to suffer heavy losses, however if train service was not resumed soon. No estimate of the agricultural losses brought about by the flood conditions was available Thursday. At Letellier, however, 38 milk-shippers stood in line more than \$500 for that day's shipments alone. Between 125 and 150 cases of milk brought in to town by district farmers were due to spoil.

Canadian National railways service along the west side of the Red river—through Morris, St. Emers and Letellier to Emerson — was discontinued Tuesday night. That action cut off the last transportation link between

Daily Traffic Pointer

Automatic cancellation of his driving licence, plus a minimum fine of \$25, faces a motorist convicted of failing to remain at or immediately return to the scene of an accident in which his vehicle is either directly or indirectly involved.

The highway traffic act states the driver must give all reasonable assistance at the accident scene. He must give, in writing, to a person suffering loss or injury, or to any police officer or witness, his name and address, the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle, the number of his driving licence, the registration number of the motor vehicle, and any other such information requested.

Snowfall And Rain New Woes

The elements aimed another blow at flood stricken southern Manitoba Thursday as a wide spread band of continuous rain and snow developed suddenly over the northern United States.

In a gloomy forecast, the weatherman predicted Thursday that the snow and rain was expected to spread further northward and eastward, covering the southern prairie provinces and northern United States.

For the Winnipeg area, the rain and snow was to become intermittent Thursday afternoon, and become continuous at night. No indication of a definite let-up appeared in sight before Friday evening.

Little change in temperature was forecast with a low of 35 at Carman, Gimli and Winnipeg during the night, and a high of 45 on Friday.

As the forecast dashed hopes of promised fair weather, the extensive cloud area spread from as far west as Prince Albert and south to Minneapolis, Thursday morning.

Visibility was cut to half a mile in some areas, and Brandon was blanketed in snow during the early morning. A police officer said it was the worst weather he had ever seen in the Brandon area for this time of year.

Garson Flying To Flood Area

The Manitoba government is giving "every assistance" to municipalities in combatting floods, but will not seek federal financial aid "until the present emergency is over," Premier D. L. Campbell said Thursday in an open letter to E. A. Hansford, C.C.F. opposition leader in the provincial legislature.

Mr. Hansford had written the premier demanding that the government seek federal aid and call a special session of the legislature to consider permanent anti-flood measures.

Other developments:

1. Hon. Stuart Garson, minister of justice and former Manitoba premier, boarded a westbound plane at Ottawa to inspect the flood area.
2. Councillors of Fort Garry municipally unanimously approved a resolution asking for federal and provincial financial assistance.
3. Rene Juras, member of parliament for Provencher, forecast that Manitoba will seek federal aid to flood victims.

In his letter to Mr. Hansford, Premier Campbell noted he had informed the legislature at its last session that the government was prepared to co-operate with "all

Military Aid Requests Go Via Red Cross

Requests for armed forces aid in the battle of the floods must come through the Red Cross Central Emergency committee, Lt. Col. R. B. Halesy, armed forces flood co-ordinator, said Thursday. "The army is receiving numerous requests from individuals and organizations for assistance," he said.

"The committee decides the priority of armed forces tasks." "The efficient employment of armed forces manpower available could only be accomplished by this method, he said.

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