

# FIGHT TO SAVE POWER

## All Winnipeg Theatres Shut Down

### Many Cafes Also Close

All Greater Winnipeg theatres are now closed, it was announced Tuesday by the local branch of the Motion Pictures Exhibitors association.

An estimated 15 per cent. of the restaurants in the downtown area have also shut their doors.

A number of beer parlors closed Monday afternoon, and a meeting of civic officials with the executive of the Manitoba branch of the Canadian Hotel association, Tuesday afternoon will discuss desirability of closing the remainder.

Main reason for closing of the business is sewers backing up, endangering sanitary facilities. Possibility of a power failure was also taken into account.

### Hundreds Plug Dikes As Rain Swells Flow

Work crews of from 10 to 500 volunteers sloshed through mud carrying sandbags, Tuesday, at the weak points along two miles of dikes in East Kildonan and Elmwood.

Despite rains which made much of the battlefield a sea of mud, volunteers and military personnel managed to prevent any major breaks.

A sudden break-through along Kildonan dike at Helmadale avenue in East Kildonan, about 8 a.m. Tuesday, found only half a dozen men on hand to stem the leak.

As volunteers continued to pour into this area, they were re-routed farther north to the crucial 2,000 foot dike from Leighton avenue to Rossmere, protecting about 350 homes.

Due to the terrific height in places (up to 15 feet), the main problem in this vital area was building the dike back in depth to withstand the pressure of the Red, he said.

Rain Defects Gain A steady drizzle was offsetting effect of the rush of fresh volun-

### Reserve Units Ordered 'Active'

All reserve army units in the Greater Winnipeg garrison were ordered to report out for active service Tuesday by Brig. R. E. A. Morton, directing officer of flood control and general officer commanding prairie army command.

Members of all reserve units were ordered to report to their regimental headquarters at various local armories immediately in order that concentration of reserve force units could be completed by 6 p.m.

Brig. Morton appealed to all employers to co-operate in the call-up by releasing all employees who are members of reserve units.

Employers who have employees who are members of the reserve forces engaged in work which is essential and directly connected with the flood, he said, "will be required to obtain a clearance from the commanding officer of the unit in which the employee is enlisted."

Brig. Morton stressed that clearances would be given only to employees in essential work directly connected with the flood.

This would include police force members of number 13, Canadian Provost corps, and certain employees of essential city and mun-

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Essential to the winning of the flood battle is complete maintenance of power feeder lines throughout the city and right in the front line of the river's attack is the Mill street sub-station (above) where service men and volunteers are fighting a ceaseless war against the rising water. Dikes, heavy duty pumps and other flood-fighting equipment are being used to protect vital dynamos and transmission circuits.

## Crisis Grows In Rural Areas As New Torrents Sweep North

Flood levels rose again in southern Manitoba, Tuesday. An impossible situation became worse.

As Emerson waters deepened four inches, wire stories from North Dakota and Minnesota were of newer, bigger floods.

At the same time, rain and storms in flooded areas piled misery on misery.

Heavier inroads were made into the province's livestock as more beasts were shot, drowned or nearing starvation.

Townsmen at Letellier made two large barges to evacuate St. Jean Baptiste.

Fifty-three inches of water on Emerson's main street was an inch higher than the April 30 crest.

A shuttle service brought 147 more evacuees from flooded homes along St. Mary's road 10 miles out of Winnipeg.

Kenora went on a 24-hour stand-by for flood victims.

Two Canadian National trains were plying the south picking up refugees at dry spots.

Weekend storms shut off the telephone at Pipestone and hydro power at Oak Lake.

Streams of homeless poured through Winnipeg en route to other towns, offering accommodation.

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## Supplies Speeding To Manitoba From All Sections Of Canada

All Canada was rallying to the aid of Manitoba Tuesday in its flood emergency. Help came, too, from the United States.

Sandbag airlifts from the east and the west were pouring over 300,000 sandbags into the city Tuesday. More than half a million are expected by mid-week.

Servicemen, boats, boots and pumps were reaching the city Tuesday in large numbers.

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Six hundred of the reserve army in Winnipeg were called out Tuesday.

Forty men of the 21st reserve field squadron, Royal Canadian Engineers, were scheduled to reach Winnipeg Tuesday from Elm Flon, by air.

Already on the job before the fresh personnel were thrown into the flood fight were 150 R.C.A.F., 300 naval reserves, and 650 members of the Canadian Army Active.

With the armed forces and civilian volunteers providing the manpower, there was a growing need for additional equipment, including rubber boots, waders and flashlights.

Brig. R. E. A. Morton, flood control director, said Tuesday the greatest need was for more sandbags. In addition, pumps and all forms of engineering equipment including draglines, bulldozers and tractors, were needed.

Premier D. L. Campbell telegraphed requests to other provincial governments for sandbags and equipment. His appeals received prompt replies. The railroads and airport reported Tuesday that shipments of all types of material were arriving or scheduled to arrive.

Pumps From U.S. Harry Sokal, a former Winnipeg resident now living in Los Angeles, was in Winnipeg Tuesday. He told city officials he had arranged for 16 special pumps to be sent from Los Angeles. The pumps were being flown to the city and were expected to reach the city Tuesday afternoon.

One hundred thousand sandbags were on the way to Winnipeg by the Canadian Pacific railway from the United States. They were picked up at Minneapolis when an

## City Speeds Aid To Its Lifelines

The city of Winnipeg Tuesday concentrated on saving from still-rising flood waters its lifelines . . . power, transportation, water, sanitation and communications. Number one priority was given to power by the city's flood control committee at a special meeting Tuesday morning.

### Highlights Of Flood In Brief

Fast-rising Red and Seine rivers in Greater Winnipeg Tuesday threatened to cut up the city and suburban areas into several completely isolated sections.

River level at Winnipeg at 1 p.m. had reached 28.4 feet above datum, a rise of 6 inches in 24 hours.

W. D. Hurst, city engineer, said Tuesday morning that the river would almost certainly go to 30 feet and possibly to 32 feet.

Peak of the second flood crest for Winnipeg is at least one week away, Mr. Hurst said.

He estimated the river would stay at or near the peak for two or three weeks. He indicated this was not a forecast but was based on the trend of the river flooding.

Flood control officials said Tuesday there was still an urgent need for all kinds of flood-fighting supplies, equipment, clothing and machinery, even though trains and planes are rushing material from outside points daily.

Thousands more persons were being evacuated Tuesday from St. Boniface, St. Vital and other parts of Greater Winnipeg.

Families are being taken out of St. Boniface by train and out of St. Vital by army "duck."

St. Boniface, St. Vital and Norwood were virtually cut off from Winnipeg Tuesday. Only link other than railway from part of St. Boniface, is over Norwood bridge. Only military traffic is allowed through here.

All remaining residents of Disraeli street were evacuated starting at 1 p.m.

All those evacuated from the southern part of St. Vital have been asked to meet at the fire hall. If unable to get out they were instructed to tie a red rag.

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If the power goes, the committee was warned, Winnipeg's transportation, telephone, radio and newspaper communications, and other public utilities would also go.

J. W. Sanger, city hydro manager, warned that sandbags and other equipment were desperately needed to protect the Rover avenue substation . . . main centre of power supply for the city.

"This MUST be done immediately. We MUST dike up to elevation 32, or else the water will prevent us from even reaching the station," Mr. Sanger declared.

E. V. Caton, chief engineer and manager of the Winnipeg Electric utility, pointed out that the same situation existed in the Mill street substation.

"Not only would one-half of the city lose its power supply, but transportation will be affected too. We must have sandbags," Mr. Caton said.

It was agreed that all equipment possible be diverted from local district flood resistance to the chief utilities.

Mayor Garnet Coulter appealed to citizens not to feel personal resentment if the city did not concentrate on individual districts. "These essentials come first," he said.

"The water is breaking out all over the city. We cannot cope with it. We must concentrate on essentials. There is no question about it," declared W. D. Hurst, city engineer and head of the flood control committee.

Chief engineer of the Manitoba telephone system, Jim Mills, warned that if the power went, telephones would also go.

A. J. Taunton, deputy city engineer, assured that as soon as the 1,000-foot emergency approach to the Provencher bridge is completed, everything would be sent over to the Rover avenue substation of the city hydro.

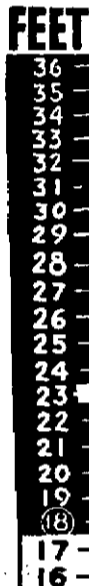
"But we must finish the approach. Or else St. Boniface will be isolated," Mr. Taunton pointed out.

Winnipeg Electric company gas services already have been seriously curtailed. Service has been cut off from large industrial users.

C.N.R. Globeite batteries, Lighting Materials limited, Paulin Chambers, Vulcan Iron Works, Canada Mailing company, and Christie Brown and company.

A great effort is being made to keep supplies of gas going to residences, hospitals and bakeries in the city, officials said.

OUT BY TRAIN All persons remaining in the area along St. Mary's road and St. Anne's road in the southern section of St. Vital are being taken out. This involves close to 450 persons.



## Small Talk



"Oh Donald . . . You're magnificent."

## Snowfall Adds Further Woe To Flood Work

After leaving half-an-inch of rain in the Red river valley to further aggravate the flood situation, the steady rainfall of Monday night and Tuesday morning passed over through northwestern Ontario and light snow started to fall in the Winnipeg area Tuesday.

The snow was expected to give way to clearing skies, according to the weatherman who predicted temperatures remaining about the same.

Cloudy, and clearing was forecast for Winnipeg Wednesday evening. Light rain or drizzle ending Tuesday evening. Little change in temperature. Winds northwest at 15 mph. Low tonight and high Wednesday 35 and 50.

## 1,720 Servicemen Waging Fierce Battle Of The Red

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## Business Bureau To Hit Profiteering

Winnipeg's Better Business bureau is ready to crack down on merchants selling flood-required products at exorbitant prices, a spokesman for the organization said Tuesday.

Some "hyster" merchants have already taken advantage of the critical situation here to make large scale profits on the goods, he charged.

Persons who have been charged what they consider exorbitant prices for any product have been requested by the Better Business bureau to contact them with details of where the merchandise was bought and the price paid.

## Temperatures

Table with columns for location, temperature, and other weather-related data for various cities including Vancouver, Calgary, and Winnipeg.