

### Not 'Bad' Fire Risk

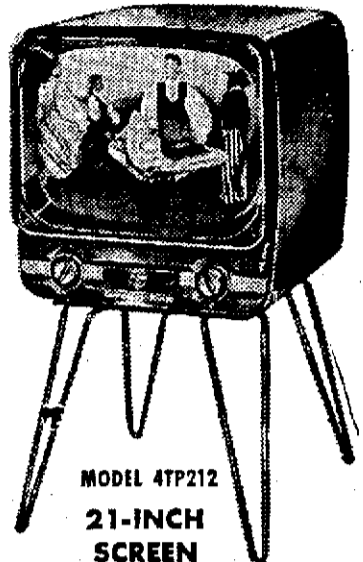
Despite Tuesday's multi-million dollar conflagration, Winnipeg is not considered a bad fire risk. This was the appraisal of V. D. Hurst, manager, Western Canada Insurance Underwriters' Association when interviewed by the Free Press Tuesday afternoon. "As a fire risk, Winnipeg compares favorably with any city in Canada and any city of its size in the United States," he said. "The city's wide streets are considered a good preventative to a spreading fire. Mr. Hurst also noted that fire preventative measures have been taken in the construction of most business places. Automatic sprinklers are generally considered a great value in controlling small fires. Winnipeg's high pressure water system was invaluable in fighting Monday's fire, he said. Without it, destruction might have been even worse. "Unfortunately, a city is never immune to fires despite its utmost precautions," Mr. Hurst said.

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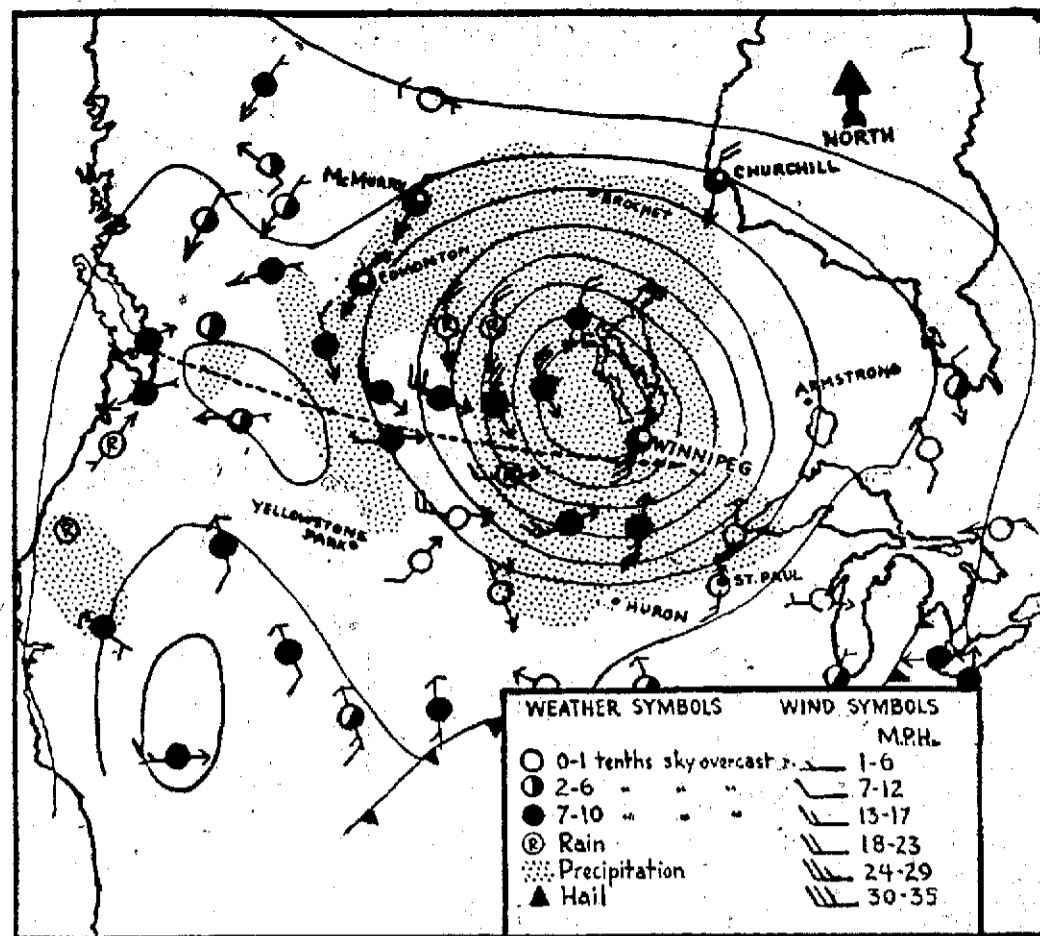


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First indications of the 72 mile per hour gale which ripped through Winnipeg and district are shown in this portion of the weather map for Tuesday. The circles surrounding Winnipeg are isobars — lines joining points of equal barometric pressure. When there are several isobars and when they are close together as in the map shown above, high winds result. It will be noticed that the map does not forecast winds travelling faster than 35 miles per hour. This is because at time of observation, winds higher than that were not indicated.

**CHURCH SHUNS HOUSTON**  
NEW YORK (AP)—The Protestant Episcopal Church Tuesday cancelled its plan to hold its 1955 convention in Houston, Tex. Some churchmen had opposed Houston on the grounds of racial segregation policies there.

### Baptists Hit Legalizing Of Lotteries

The Red River Valley Association of Baptist Churches turned thumbs down on the legalization of gambling and lotteries at Tuesday's session of the association's annual meeting at Trinity Baptist church. In a resolution submitted by William Potoroka, chairman of the resolutions committee, the association also commended the dominion government for inquiring into gambling and lotteries. "Another resolution tackled the province's liquor situation, expressing the association's satisfaction at the provincial government's decision to set up the Bracken Royal Commission. The resolution urged members of the Baptist church to follow with "close attention" the work of the commission. At the same time, the resolution asked Baptists to give "generous support to the Manitoba Temperance Alliance."

camp suffered varying degrees of damage in the storm. Tar paper roofs were blown off, allowing water to seep into the premises and some shacks were demolished or blown away. Ankle-deep mud and clay plagued almost every section of the camp. Fortunately no patients were in the camp hospital when the wind lifted tar paper sheeting from the roof. First-aid attendant Henry Kehler of Steinbach had a busy time emptying water from every available container he could find to catch the drips from the ceiling. His main worry was keeping water away from medical supplies. The five-bed infirmary is operated by the Manitoba Hydro-Electric board and is under the supervision of Dr. E. D. R. Bissett.

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he eligible for unemployment insurance. Meanwhile, city police, looking after the traffic around the scene of the fire disaster, are taking their hats off to the public. "The way the public has conformed to the lack of signal lights, barriers and official requests is rather remarkable," said Police Chief Robert Taft Wednesday. At the height of the fire there were 40 policemen on duty around Portage avenue and Hargrave street. They included men who were on their day off, off-duty constables and regular nightshift policemen, Chief Taft said.

Aid, Gordon Chown Wednesday expressed doubt that property razed by Tuesday's fire would be considered by council for a new city hall. He said he considered the property too small and that putting a large building on a small piece of property in downtown Winnipeg would only add more confusion to the traffic situation.

### MORE ABOUT Battle

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buckling and flooding the power plant forebay. Angry waves whipped by the wind lashed the trucks and bulldozers working on top of the dam. At the height of the storm waves splashed over the tops of trucks as they unloaded clay. Workmen were in constant danger of being blown off their dambtop perch by the wind. In addition to the main coffer dam, a leak developed in the diversion channel. "We moved fast and got it repaired before any damage was done," said Mr. King.

A short time before the conveyor structure wavered and yielded to the pressure of the wind, workmen had finished repairing the belt which had been ripped. No one was working in the area when the frame work toppled and crashed to the ground below, leaving a gaping hole at the top of the mixer plant.

**NO ESTIMATE**  
No estimate of damage was given but it is expected repairs will be made within a week. In the meantime all concrete pouring at the plant has been suspended.

Although concrete work was brought to a standstill, other construction was expected to proceed normally after clean-up operations. Actual construction work on the project began in October, 1952. By December of this year, four of the eight 10,000 generators are expected to be in operation, with power being put on the lines before the winter peak.

The work is to be completed by next summer, when the full 80,000 horsepower load will be available for use. Most of the buildings at the

### Renfrew Policemen Prove Too Alert

RENFREW, Ont. (CP)—Alert Renfrew police officers spotted a car reported stolen in Timmins and locked the driver in jail as a car thief. But it was all a mistake. Omer Beaulne of Timmins explained that he was driving a stolen

car, all right, but he had gone to Mont Laurier, Que., with Timmins police officers to recover it. The officers drove back in a different car by a different route. A telephone call to Timmins straightened the matter out.

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