

FIRE AND GALE LOSS RUNS INTO MILLIONS



This overall view shows the fire blazing in the Time building and the Dismorr block which houses Dayton's. The picture was taken at 9.30 this morning.



Workmen repairing roof of Winnipeg Children's hospital badly damaged by gale.

\$3 Million Blaze Rips 5 Buildings In Heart Of City

Fanned by winds up to 72 miles per hour, the worst fire in Winnipeg's history early Tuesday ripped through a downtown city block causing an estimated \$3,000,000 damage.

Buildings destroyed were:

Time building, 333 Portage avenue.

Dismorr block, 327 Portage avenue.

Edwards block, 325½ Portage avenue.

Buildings severely damaged were:

Affleck block, 317 Portage avenue.

Norlyn building, 309 Hargrave street.

No lives were lost.

A city fireman was slightly injured at 4.40 a.m. when struck in the face by flying glass.

The gale which fanned the flames did enormous damage in the city and in some rural parts of Manitoba and western Ontario.

The fire broke out shortly after 1 a.m. behind an electrical sign on the front of the Time building. The first alarm was telephoned in at 1.18 a.m.

The second alarm was turned in 40 minutes later. By the third alarm at 5.53 a.m., every piece of equipment and every man on duty had been called to the scene. About 150 firemen were called from their homes to augment the 95-man crew on duty.

One tenant of the Time building said Tuesday morning it was "fortunate" that the fire broke out at night.

Had it started during the day, he said, "the loss of life would probably have been very heavy." Several thousand persons were thrown out of work for periods which will range from one day to several months.

More than 100 business premises were either destroyed or badly damaged in the holocaust. More than 90 tenants were forced to move from their downtown apartments.

Police evacuated the Bettles block, at Portage and Carlton street, at 5.30 a.m. when a 38-to-50 mile-per-hour wind endangered the building.

The Westminster Block, at 330 Donald street, was ordered evacuated an hour later.

Firemen arriving at the scene shortly after 1 a.m. fought the blaze which was smouldering between the floors for three hours before the entire building was engulfed with flames.

As the gale-whipped fire grew, flames could be seen for miles. The heat from the blazing buildings was so intense windows in stores across Portage avenue were cracked and blown in.

Smoke from the fire was so intense that residents well beyond the danger area had to evacuate their homes as smoke seeped in.

Value of the 40-to-50-year-old Time building was unofficially estimated at about \$500,000 and the loss of equipment and business stock brought the damage toll to almost \$1,000,000. Loss to the ground floor store of the J. J. H. McLean Co. was estimated between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Damage to the Norlyn block was an estimated \$275,000 and loss to the Claratel cafe was given as \$100,000. A lump estimate for the Dismorr, Affleck and Edwards buildings placed damage at approximately \$800,000. Other unofficial estimates brought the damage toll to \$3,000,000.

After flames raged through the Time building, they swept across Hargrave street and turned the Dismorr Block into a blazing inferno.

Firemen playing water on the buildings were literally made helpless as they were pushed back by the intense heat.

Spouts of water from the fire hoses were unable to pass through the flames that exploded out from the east side of the building. The terrific heat turned the blistering water back toward the firemen.

Meanwhile, tenants were busy evacuating clothing and small household articles from threatened buildings on Carlton street.

Province Adds Up Storm Toll

Power Lines Downed,
Windows Smashed,
Roofs Lifted

Manitoba communities are counting up the immense toll of damage after gales reaching hurricane strength ripped through the province Monday night, giving many areas a taste of black-out conditions and leaving live wires crackling on the ground.

Damage has been placed in the millions of dollars as the winds — the highest since the 84-mile-an-hour gales of 1919 — lifted roofs off buildings, destroyed communications, struck at hospitals and left a small toll of dead and injured in their path through the United States and Canada.

It was Manitoba's worst storm, from a damage point of view, since 1950. It was the worst in the province's history if the multi-million-dollar fire loss in the heart of Winnipeg is attributable to the storm. In any event, the high winds spread the flames.

The gale that hit Winnipeg Monday will ease off today — the winds dying down to southwest at 30 miles an hour with gusts this afternoon and 20 miles an hour tonight.

The low Tuesday night and the high Wednesday at Gimli, Carman and Winnipeg will be 45 and 60.

Steel-backed billboards, brick walls and roofs collapsed Monday night and early Tuesday morning.

CARS CRUSHED
At Mainwood Motors, Redwood avenue and Main street, 10 cars and trucks were crushed as the overhanging billboard fell at 6 p.m. Monday. A conservative estimate of damage — crushed roofs and smashed windows — is \$1,000.

The scoreboard at the new Winnipeg baseball stadium also fell, and windows in the press box were broken.

At the University of Manitoba, Fort Garry, shingles were ripped from the roofs of three buildings — Arts, the powerhouse and the chemistry and physics — causing little damage to the interiors.

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Full Picture Pages!

Complete picture coverage of the Portage avenue fire will be found on pages 11, 12 and 13. Also on page 13 and other inside pages are pictures of storm damage. The fire and storm pictures were taken by Free Press staff photographers Jack Ablett, Bill Rose, Dave Bonner and Les Doherty.

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THEY STAND AND WAIT With TV Sets And Kittens

The young boy stood in the doorway of the deserted building and hugged his treasure close to him.

Outside on the street, water poured down the gutter amidst rows of firemen's hoses, while policemen patrolled the block keeping hundreds of onlookers back and uniformed members of the Salvation Army supplied fire-fighters with coffee.

The boy stared silently at the scene and pressed his treasure a little closer to him. And his treasure — a fluffy grey Persian cat called King — never budged in his arms.

King was the only possession 14-year-old Garry Colbert had taken with him when the fire alarm clanged out its warning at 6 a.m. Tuesday and residents of the Bettles block were told to vacate their homes immediately.

WATCHING FIRE
Garry's mother and his 12-year-old sister Sandra were "some place on the street" watching the fire.

Most of the 28 families from the Bettles block suites on the corner of Portage avenue and Carlton street were doing just that. Some sat quietly drinking coffee in

nearby restaurants, some in their cars parked near the fire scene. Others had gone to friends' homes.

While Garry stood protectively with his kitten, a few residents stood with him waiting, waiting to be told that they could move into their homes again or to be warned that fire was striking the building.

Bill Lehnert, of suite 4, said he was up all night watching the fire from the time it broke out in the Time building. When the evacuation alarm sounded he said he believed most people, like him, had been awake, and cleared out quickly.

However, one woman remarked, "I never knew anything about the fire until 6 a.m. My electric alarm clock didn't go off, and we had no power or radio."

NO CONFUSION

Caretaker of the block, John Dick, was keeping a close check on the building. He said when the alarm went there was no confusion getting the people out and it only took 10 minutes to clear the building.

Many people who had been aware of the danger had begun packing belongings during the night. An elderly

woman who had recently come home from hospital was taken out by police.

There were about four children in the block. Only Garry stayed close to the scene.

During the morning, as firemen fought to hold the fire, some residents re-entered their suites. A TV set was removed from a suite on the top floor, and several women returned to pack more clothes.

One woman, standing in the doorway chatting with friends as they came and went, remarked, "My stuff is all up there — if it burns, it burns."

50 EVACUATED

More than 50 tenants were evacuated from the Westminster block at 330 Donald street. Evacuation there was also orderly. Transfer trucks took people to temporary shelters.

Henry Hood, head salesman of Manitoba Sporting Goods, was not so lucky. His home in the Dayton building was destroyed by fire. Frank Isaak, manager of the store, said that this is the third time in about 10 years Mr. Hood has been burned out of his home.

Up to late Tuesday morning, Red Cross or Salvation Army officials had not been contacted to take charge of any evacuees.

Maurice Duchov, proprietor of the O'Kum Inn who was also evacuated from the Bettles block, was supplying coffee and food to firemen and police all through the night.

Evacuees still strolled the streets in the late morning, waiting...



A wall of the Dismorr building, eaten by flame, slowly crumbles out onto Portage avenue as firemen early Tuesday morning battled a blaze that spread to surrounding buildings. The picture by Free Press photographer Dave Bonner, was taken at 8 a.m. Note the fire leaping to the roof of the Norlyn building in the background, where fire damage was also high.

BLAZE WIPES OUT BALLET EQUIPMENT

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet has lost its entire property.

Plagued by financial troubles, the ballet company Tuesday morning woke up to an unexpected headache and a loss one ballet official said "was irreparable."

Ballet studios, located on the fifth floor of the Norlyn building, 309 Hargrave street, was completely destroyed.

"We've lost everything," Betty Farrally, ballet mistress and producer, told the Free Press.

"I think we were covered by insurance," she added, "but thousands and thousands of dollars worth of sets, costumes, choreo-

graphy, original scores are lost."

Mrs. Farrally said that she rushed down to the studio as soon as she heard of the fire.

"I couldn't watch," she said. "It was too heart-breaking. There it was — fifteen years of work gone up in smoke."

"We'll have to start from scratch now but so much of the equipment cannot be replaced."

"It was like watching a ship go down and you, powerless to do a thing," Mrs. Farrally said.

Robert A. Kipp, president of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, is out of town and unavailable for comment.

Elderly Pedestrian Injured In Traffic

An 82-year-old Winnipeg man was seriously injured Monday afternoon when he collided with a car on Portage avenue, Polo Park. Thomas Knox Johnston, 495 Furby street, was crossing Portage from the south to the north side, opposite the main entrance to Polo Park, when he collided with a west-bound car driven by Kenneth Gair, of 287 King Edward street, St. James police said.

He was taken to Winnipeg General hospital where his condition Thursday was reported as "fairly good." He has possible head injuries.

COMMUNITY CLUB OFFERS DANCE REVIEW

Orleans community club will stage its second dance review Wednesday in the Playhouses theatre beginning at 8 p.m. The review is under the instruction of Sam McConnell. Music will be supplied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilcox with guest artists being the Thorsens Family with a tumbling act. Gordon Harley will be master of ceremonies.

HORSE ARTILLERY OFF FOR TRAINING

Nearly 700 officers and men of the 1st Regiment of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery of Winnipeg are joining other army units from across Canada in a six-week intensive training program this summer at Camp Wainwright, Alta. The Winnipeg unit left Fort Osborne barracks Tuesday, in 140 vehicles.

BUT ENGLISH GET TEA

Life Minus Electricity

Many Winnipeggers got a taste of what life without electricity is like — and they didn't like it.

High winds that fanned a portion of Portage avenue into a nightmarish blaze Tuesday morning, radically disrupted electrical services.

The electric power that people took for granted was cut off completely in many sections. The result — household chaos and short tempers.

One man, whose garage door is operated by an electric control, found his car trapped in his garage. The door simply refused to operate.

More than one man reluctantly turned up at the office looking a little less than immaculate. The electric razors refused to go.

Breakfast was a dismal affair.

Coffee percolators were useless. For once the little woman's toast wasn't burnt to a crisp. Electric stoves were powerless. Some restaurants did an unexpected brisk business.

And more than one couple, using electric blankets, woke to shivery temperatures with the current cut off.

More than one electric clock refused to set off the alarm and many citizens blissfully slept in.

Housewives planning a washing postponed the chore. Cheerfully, patients facing dental appointments counted

on tooth drills to be out of order.

But — trust the English and their stubbornness for getting that cup of tea regardless.

W. J. Carter, 1215 Logan avenue, found his electric stove wasn't working early Tuesday morning before he went to bed.

His wife came up with a brainwave.

Holding a tea kettle over four candles, she soon had it boiling.

Husband Carter went to bed — in the dark — but contented.

Gale Rips Children's Hospital

Damage estimated at "several thousand dollars" was caused Monday night to Winnipeg Children's hospital when fierce winds ripped off the metal sheathing of the centre section.

Both operating rooms on the hospital's third floor were put out of order as water seeped through the ceiling directly beneath the torn roof.

One emergency operation was performed in the hospital's outpatient department, but any major surgery would have to be taken to another hospital, said J. E. Robinson, hospital superintendent.

NO POWER 8 HOURS

The hospital was without power for nine hours and it has no auxiliary plant.

"Fortunately, there were no children in the iron lungs during the power cut-off," Mr. Robinson said.

Late Tuesday morning the hospital's elevator was still not running. Nurses and other staff had to carry trays from the kitchens on the third floor to other parts of the hospital.

Medical records stored in metal and wooden filing cabinets on the top storey suffered some water damage from the leaking roof. Probably more serious was water damage to X-ray films also stored there.

WINDOW BROKEN

One window was broken in the hospital's solarium and four young patients had to be moved into the nearest adjacent ward.

Workers were busy Tuesday morning mopping up the water which had seeped in through the torn roof. Other workers were on top of the roof repairing the badly buckled tarred metal sheathing.

Winnipeg's 45 polio victims suffered no ill effects from Monday night's storm. A. Hodgkinson, assistant administrator, told the Free Press Tuesday.

The municipal hospitals are serviced by both the Winnipeg Electric Co. and City Hydro, and at no time were both services disrupted, Mr. Hodgkinson said.

Some damage was incurred by Victoria hospital. Several windows were broken, part of the roof was torn off and several electrical circuits put out of commission for several hours causing one elevator to stop running. No fire or injuries were reported by the hospital superintendent.

St. Boniface hospital reported windows blown in in the operating room and the nurse's residence. Boards were ripped off the corner of the carpenter's shop at the rear of the centre block.

"No one was disturbed or injured by flying glass," an official said. "This is less damage than we usually get during storms."

St. Boniface Development Start Due In Two Weeks

Iceland Honors City Man

Arni Eggertson, Winnipeg lawyer, will be presented with Iceland's Grand Order of the Falcon, at a ceremony in Washington, Thursday.

Thors Thors, Icelandic ambassador to the United States, will make the presentation in recognition of Mr. Eggertson's services to the Icelandic community in Manitoba.

ICELANDIC CHAIR

Mr. Eggertson was one of the men who helped raise \$200,000 to establish the Icelandic Chair at the University of Manitoba. This chair was created to teach Icelandic to senior scholars in English as much of the English used today is based on the old Norse language.

Mr. Eggertson is the general agent and director of the Icelandic Steamship Co. Ltd. for North America and a member of the Icelandic National League in Manitoba.

Born in Winnipeg in 1896, Mr. Eggertson received his bachelor of laws degree from the University of Manitoba in 1921. He was named king's counsel in Saskatchewan in 1937, and in Manitoba in 1939.

LAW PRACTICE

He practised law in Wynyard, Sask., from 1922 to 1929 when he transferred his practice to Winnipeg.

Learned Societies Program

WEDNESDAY

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES:

8.30 a.m. Symposium: Impact on the University of special research projects undertaken for Government and industry. Speakers: Dean J. W. T. Spinks, College of Graduate Studies, University of Saskatchewan; Dr. R. R. McLaughlin, Department of chemical engineering, University of Toronto.

11.30: Final Plenary session. All meetings in room 109 Arts building, University of Manitoba.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELLING AND PLACEMENT ASSOCIATION:

9.15 a.m. Panel: Appraisal of University placement services: W. F. McMullen, Canadian Electric Company; E. G. McDonagh, Hudson's Bay Company.

10.45 a.m. What's on your mind — general discussion.

2 p.m. Educational goals and industry's requirements, an address by Prof. J. E. L. Graham of the McMaster University. All meetings in Room 208 Arts building, University of Manitoba.

The conference of the Learned Societies which began here on May 27 ends Wednesday.

Opening Work To Cover Subdivision Of 67 Acres

Work on construction of a \$3,500,000 housing development in east St. Boniface likely will start in about two weeks, the Free Press learned Monday.

The site will be part of the Elizabeth Park project, a \$16,000,000 long-range development which will, it is expected, provide 4,000 homes for about 25,000 people (the present population of St. Boniface is 28,342).

The first work, just announced, will be development of 67 acres of the 2,000 acres of the entire project. It will be undertaken by the Twin Cities Development Co. and will be known as the Benjamin subdivision.

270 LOTS

The subdivision, a triangular tract of land bounded by Speers, Dawson and Bibeau (formerly Hubbard) roads, has been divided into 270 lots, each of which has

frontage of 50 to 60 feet and a depth of 120 feet.

Clement Benjamin, president of Twin Cities Development and of Benjamin Brothers Ltd., told the Free Press Monday that the homes to be built will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The subdivision will be improved with sewer and water facilities, ornamental street lighting, gravelled roads and concrete sidewalks, Mr. Benjamin continued. He said the cost of these improvements will be included in the price of the lots.

The developed lots will be sold to independent builders and contractors. Benjamin Brothers will do all excavating.

6-ACRE PARK

Mr. Benjamin said the subdivision would include a six-acre park, four lot lots and a 12-acre shopping area to be constructed next year.

The first house built in the Benjamin subdivision will be a model home constructed by the service and community clubs of St. Boniface. Proceeds from the sale of the house will go towards the buying of a cobalt bomb for the St. Boniface hospital.

Mr. Benjamin noted that Twin Cities Development has "developed areas in East and West Kildonan, Fort Garry and St. Vital."

Later this year, he said, Kildonan Realty will start to build the first of 1,500 homes they are scheduled to erect in Elizabeth Park.

Overnight Entries

WINNIPEG JOCKEY CLUB

SEVENTH DAY, Polo Park, Winnipeg, Man. Wednesday, June 9, 1954.

FIRST RACE—5:00 claiming. For 3-year-olds and up, 6 1/2 furlongs. (The Twin Cities Development Co. will be known as the Benjamin subdivision.)

SECOND RACE—5:30 claiming. For 3-year-olds and up, 6 1/2 furlongs. (The Twin Cities Development Co. will be known as the Benjamin subdivision.)

THIRD RACE—6:00 claiming. For 3-year-olds and up, 6 1/2 furlongs. (The Twin Cities Development Co. will be known as the Benjamin subdivision.)

FOURTH RACE—6:30 claiming. For 3-year-olds and up, 6 1/2 furlongs. (The Twin Cities Development Co. will be known as the Benjamin subdivision.)

FIFTH RACE—7:00 claiming. For 3-year-olds and up, 6 1/2 furlongs. (The Twin Cities Development Co. will be known as the Benjamin subdivision.)

SIXTH RACE—7:30 claiming. For 3-year-olds and up, 6 1/2 furlongs. (The Twin Cities Development Co. will be known as the Benjamin subdivision.)

SEVENTH RACE—8:00 claiming. For 3-year-olds and up, 6 1/2 furlongs. (The Twin Cities Development Co. will be known as the Benjamin subdivision.)

EIGHTH RACE—8:30 claiming. For 3-year-olds and up, 6 1/2 furlongs. (The Twin Cities Development Co. will be known as the Benjamin subdivision.)

NINTH RACE—9:00 claiming. For 3-year-olds and up, 6 1/2 furlongs. (The Twin Cities Development Co. will be known as the Benjamin subdivision.)

TENTH RACE—9:30 claiming. For 3-year-olds and up, 6 1/2 furlongs. (The Twin Cities Development Co. will be known as the Benjamin subdivision.)

Early Bird Selections

FIRST RACE—VI's Tot should be able to take the measure of this field. Frances Abbey should be close up. Noble Pilot figures to share in the purse.

SECOND RACE—This looks like a good spot for La Limited. Hypothesis will like the track. Prince Ajax should be dangerous.

THIRD RACE—Muy Sano is a superior mudder. Row Away should be a threat in this company. Fancy Image gets in light.

FOURTH RACE—Boston D. is well suited to the distance. Coun K figures closely. Broker's Sign is a peak form.

FIFTH RACE—Free Ticks is well suited to the track and distance. B. Fast is better than her last night indicate. Coun Armando should go well.

SIXTH RACE—Cardozo should make it three in a row. Cubeth is in winning form. Jungle SI is in winning form.

SEVENTH RACE—Stream vale appears to have a good edge. Hi May Fifth looms as the danger. Hilda Hen is rounding to form.

BEST—CARDOZO

Free Press Meetings

Meetings to be held in the Free Press building Wednesday are: board room No. 2, Manitoba District Branch of Federated Dominion Public Works Association, 2:30 p.m. Meetings scheduled for 8 p.m. include: board room No. 1, Rob Roy Camp No. 42 Sons of Scotland (executive) board room No. 2, Winnipeg Philatelic society: club room Winnipeg Cage Bird society.

Smedley's Corner

The wind "she blow like hurricane." It hurled the flames from the Time building fire to spread the conflagration. It tore limbs from trees. It toppled signboards — in one place we saw a mounted policeman from a soft drink ad perched on top of a one-storey building. It toppled little birds from their nests.

Nothing much happened at Smedley's house. An eave pipe came down with a crash about 1 a.m. Sometime during the night a basket of clothes pins from the back stoop went sailing into nowhere. It wasn't like the night last fall when, because of building operations, the main electric switches were on what was temporarily an outside wall, protected by wall board and a tarpaulin. During the evening the lights went out. Investigation showed the master switch had gone off. It was turned on again and all was well.

A few minutes later it happened again. The master of the house turned it on once more. The third time was getting past a joke. Careful investigation showed that the gusts of wind had forced the edge of the wallboard against the switch, pushing it to the off position.

But about last night — what we're wondering about is, where did those clothes pins go?



"NO! NO! It's just make-believe!"

A SAD STORY

Tragedy has come into the life of Paul Allan, a very young baseball player who lives at 497 Newman street. Paul has written to ask Smedley to tell his sad story — "Someone lifted my baseball glove from the dugout at Thursday night's Little League game at Minto grounds. The players have more sense than to take a glove but someone else seems to have taken it and not returned it. I can't afford another glove. I can't play without it. So would you please ask the person to please return it. My name is on it."

Let's hope that glove finds its way back to 497 Newman street.

TRAFFIC SNARLED BY LIGHT CUTOFF

Forty Winnipeg traffic policemen were called for emergency duty through the city at 6:30 a.m. and went on point duty at intersections, as power failures cut out traffic lights, and morning traffic in from the suburbs had

to be re-routed for blocks around the downtown fire.

Traffic lights on Dufferin, Salter, Redwood and Main street were knocked out. Portage traffic was re-routed down Graham avenue and on Ellice avenues where a congested mass of trucks, cars and transit vehicles moved sluggishly.

TRANSIT BREAKS

Also on point duty were squads of transit supervisors, posted at points where transit service had broken down to tell bewildered passengers where to connect with emergency transportation.

Street car service was cut off entirely on Portage avenue, between Sherbrook street and Garry street. Cars in from Deer Lodge stopped at Sherbrook and looped west again, while South Main cars looped at Garry.

An emergency bus shuttled between Garry and Sherbrook.

There were several interruptions during the night in trolley bus transmission lines, but the service generally was maintained.

CALLS POUR IN

Both the Winnipeg Electric and the City Hydro companies have been flooded with trouble calls since late Monday night.

Trouble crews from both companies and the transit commission have been out in force working through the night, mostly repairing wires damaged by falling trees and wires shorting through contact in high winds.

An official of City Hydro said there were many primary power lines down. These were getting priority for attention because of the danger.



FRANK ODELL

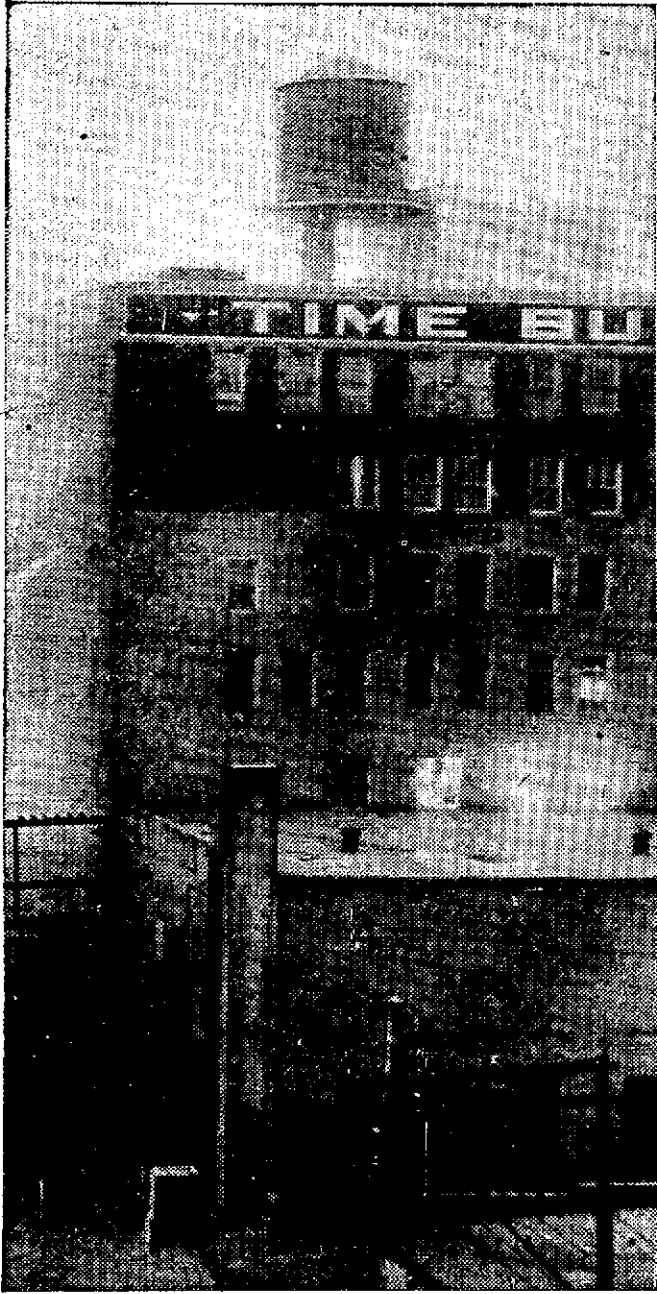
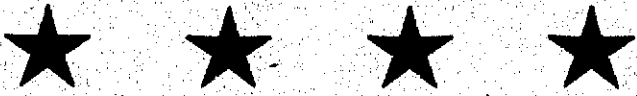
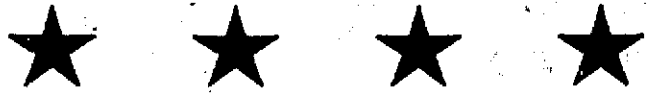
Word has been received of the recent death in England of Frank Odell, one of the team of four British adjudicators at the Manitoba Musical Competition festival this spring.

Mr. Odell adjudicated junior classes at the festival. It was his first trip on the Canadian festival circuit, although he had appeared here as a singer on two earlier occasions.

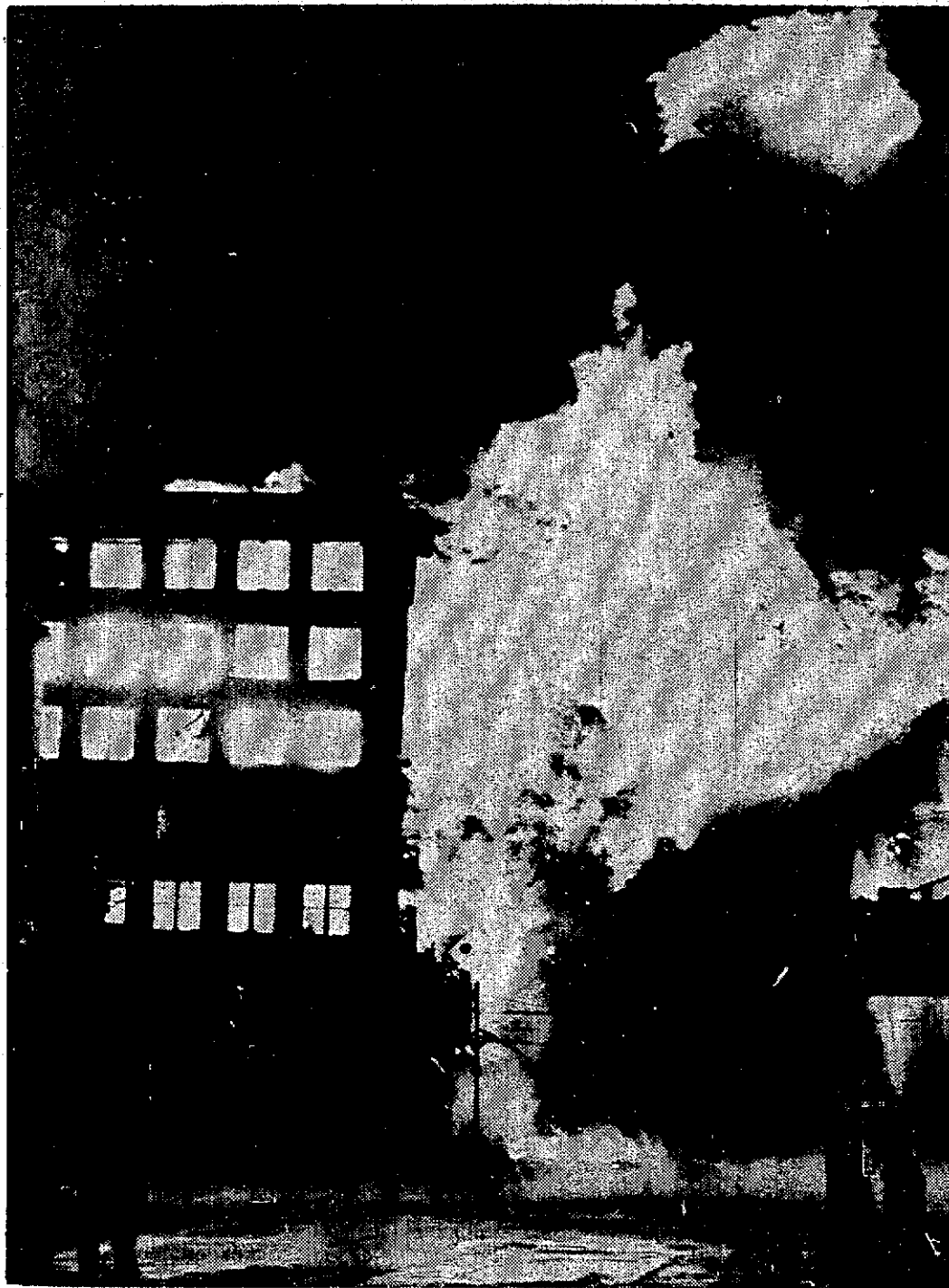
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THREE PAGES OF FIRE AND STORM PICTURES

Sequence Of Destruction In Winnipeg's Worst Fire



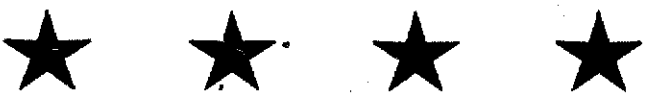
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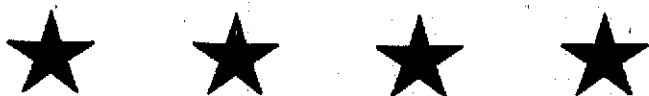
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6.25 A.M.



By 8.30 a.m. the Time Building was a smouldering shambles and fire had spread its toll to the Dismorr building.



Firemen had arrived at 1 a.m., warned by an automatic alarm . . . the fire, stubborn but confined for hours, finally broke loose, fanned by the gale . . . by 5 a.m. the Time building glowed with flame . . . suddenly just after 6 a.m. the east wall fell spreading the fire to the Dismorr block across Hargrave street . . . within minutes the front wall of the Time building fell . . . by 8 a.m. the Dismorr building, too, was lost . . . Turn the page for more dramatic pictures, telling the fire story.

Flames Race With Lightning Speed To Additional Targets



Here is a dramatic photo of the Time building taken from Portage avenue in front of the T. Eaton Co. store when the blaze was at its height. Flames, fanned by the 70-mile-an-hour wind, flashed their fingers across the street and, during lulls in the storm, shot hundreds of feet up into the sky. The red glow could be seen for many miles.



Fire has caught the Dismorr block, housing Dayton's store, and firemen pour on water in efforts to check the blaze.



Here is part of the crowd of thousands of Winnipeggers who lined downtown streets to watch the fire.

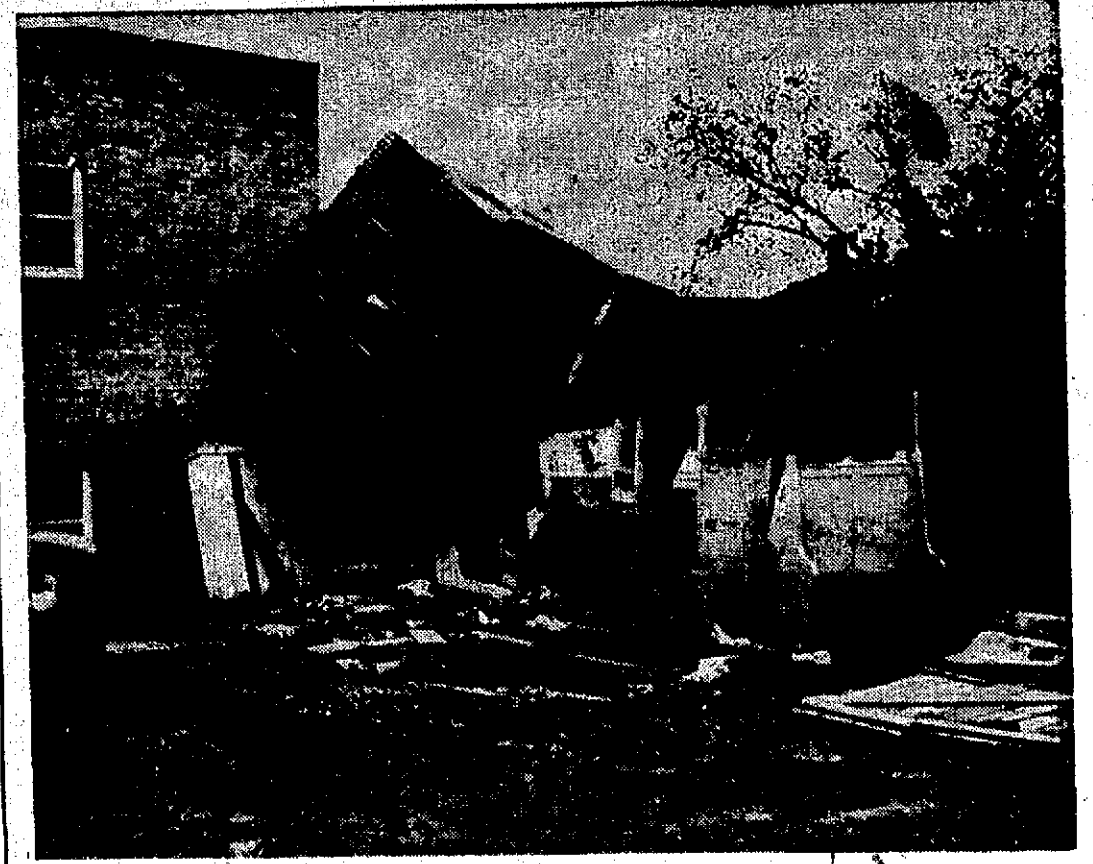


Firemen stand like lonely sentinels pouring water on the ruined buildings. This scene on Portage avenue, taken about 9 a.m., shows the debris which littered the street.



Most Winnipeggers missed the drama of the fire at its height, their first glimpse of the devastation coming as they streamed to work between 8 and 9 a.m. The scene at lower right is typical of what they saw. Thousands of residents of downtown areas had stood for hours watching the towering flames.

A Night Of Fire And Gale Disrupts A City's Normal Life



The 70-mile-per-hour wind that tore into Winnipeg Monday evening broke power lines, ripped down huge branches from trees and also played havoc with some homes and business places. Here an entire section of a garage at the rear of 215 Flora avenue is shown after being tipped over and ripped apart by the wind. The gale also shattered plateglass windows of some downtown stores.

Clash Of Warm, Cold Air To Blame For 72 MPH Gale

The meeting of two violently contrasting masses of air — very cold from the west and northwest and very warm air from the central U.S. — started the gale that swept through the U.S. Sunday and Monday was covering Canada from the western tip of Alberta to the Lakehead.

The gale, which reached its peak in Winnipeg at 1 a.m. Tuesday when gusts to the south reached 72 mile-an-hour strength, will not die out until sometime Wednesday evening, the weatherman has reported.

The basic reason behind the gale, according to the public forecaster, was the meeting of very warm air over the central U.S. meeting the extreme cold air from the west and northwest, plus the fact that both masses were extremely moist.

SET OFF BY DISTURBANCES
When the two contrasting air masses met Sunday east of the Denver area the cold mass pushed the warm air upward, setting off disturbances in the atmosphere. In comparatively little time, the weatherman explained, the Denver, Colorado AREA Sunday disturbance accelerated and Monday moved east to South Dakota, continuing to pick up strength as it raged through the eastern part of North Dakota early Monday.

By late Monday afternoon southern Manitoba was caught in the grip of one of the most destructive summer gales to hit the city since 1950.

Gusts were strong Monday from the northwest and along with showers, they extended to Regina and Saskatoon.

All but the extremely western portion of Alberta was affected by the gale to some extent. The region to the east as far as Lake Superior was rocked by fierce winds. weather stations throughout the entire region were dislocated.

COURSE OF STORM

Here is the course the storm took in Winnipeg from the time it started Monday afternoon until it reached its height at 1 a.m. Tuesday, according to the forecaster:

The gale took hold late in the afternoon, at about 4:30 p.m. Gusts were about 50 miles-an-hour towards the southeast by 5:30 p.m. they had reached 60 miles-an-hour, still in the same direction.

At 5:30 an increase to 64 miles-an-hour was recorded as the gale seemed to pick up strength. Then a two-hour lull set in. Gusts went down to 40 miles-an-hour.

By 8:30 p.m. the gale had picked up strength once more and at 11:30 p.m. high winds were as strong as 64 miles-an-hour, with the direction gradually swinging to the southeast.

The gale reached the peak of its strength at 1 a.m. with a 72-mile-an-hour velocity.

An hour later it had slowed down to 60. Since that time, the weatherman said, it had been lessening in strength gradually and slowly.

This was the stark scene of devastation seen from the Free Press building in a photo taken just after 8 a.m. Walls of the Time building have collapsed, the Dismorr block, beyond, is in ruins and firemen battle the blaze as it has taken hold in the Norlyn building, 309 Hargrave. Water was played on the T. Eaton Co. store, the top of which appears above smoke in the photo.

ture in the fire-proof vaults in the bank, the bank officials say. Brink Express Co. of Canada Ltd. has been transferring other records, which are not usually stored in the vault, to the main branch of the bank at 389 Main street.

Some of the 45 employees from the branch have been transferred temporarily to other bank branches.

All contents of the building are covered by insurance, the bank officials report. The bank owns the building.

Harry Silverberg, owner of the Norlyn building, 309 Hargrave street, said the fire-gutted building had been valued at \$275,000.

Mr. Silverberg said the building was insured for only \$145,000. It was fully occupied by business tenants but since there were no apartments in the building there was no loss of life or injury.

Mr. Silverberg said that he plans to begin rebuilding as soon as possible.

Several firms on the west side of Donald street between Portage and Ellice remained closed because of slight smoke damage and the power cutoff. They are Orchid Florists, McKinney's Jewellery, Empire Wallpaper, and J. G. Fraser Ltd. However, Saratoga Bowling and Billiards and Kim M Furs were open.

On the east side of Donald from Portage avenue to Ellice, all businesses remained open with the exception of Murphy's Coffee shop, 331 Donald street, which was forced to close because of the power cutoff.

A smoldering fire on a street lamp post, in front of the "400" Club Billiards, 329 Donald, believed to have been ignited by a spark, was extinguished by firemen at 10:55 a.m.

A realtor concerned with the Charlat cafe near the Time building, said he would estimate the damage to the restaurant at \$100,000.

The Clarendon hotel, 311 Portage avenue, was damaged slightly by smoke.

James McKendry, hotel manager said the 40 guests were evacuated at 6:30 a.m. and moved to other hotels where accommodation had been arranged.

S. J. D. Oswald, hotel supervisor for Shea's Brewery Ltd. hotel owners, said the building was closed but there was no fire damage. The hotel basement may have been flooded he said. Mr. Oswald said evacuated guests may be moved back to the hotel today provided the city fire department gives its approval. The beer parlor, however, will remain closed.

No damage at all had been reported to the Imperial Bank, Portage avenue and Donald street, at 9:20 a.m. and all contents are covered by fire insurance, A. Freeson, superintendent of the western branches of the bank, reports.

However, because of the police cordon thrown around the fire vicinity — the store is across from the T. Eaton Co. store — the bank will be closed for the day and until the cordon has been thrown off.

All bank records are secure in the time-locked, fire proof vaults in the bank and have not been removed as yet, Mr. Freeson reports.

The Imperial Bank rents the premises from the owners of the Clarendon hotel.

The 25 employees of the bank are off work for the day, and until normal business is resumed, Mr. Freeson hopes to have the bank open for regular business Wednesday.

In the meantime the branch's business will be carried on at the main office of the Imperial Bank at Main street and Bannatyne avenue.

A broken hydrant was the cause of one whole block being flooded under two feet of water around 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The hydrant at Hargrave street and McDermott avenue, part of the high pressure system providing water for the major fires on Portage avenue, broke, but was sealed off within 12 minutes, a city waterworks official said, but not before Dagmar street between Bannatyne and McDermott avenues was flooded.

"It was just like the flood of 1950," Mrs. Alice Oeder of 95 Dagmar street told the Free Press. She said water was seeping into basements and yards along Dagmar street, and she was thinking of evacuating her home.

damage, other than broken windows, at the city's three municipal hospitals, King George, King Edward, and Princess Elizabeth.

TWO DEATHS REPORTED
The storm, which moved up the Red River valley from the United States, has left two known dead — both Americans — and, in Winnipeg, several injured.

A 60-year-old Iowa man was hurled out of his canoe as the winds capsized it. Another Detroit Lakes farmer burned to death in his log cabin as wind-whipped flames leveled it.

A hospital reported three people injured slightly as a result of the high winds.

Lawrence Lundgren of Stone-wall was treated for a broken rib and released after he was taken to hospital by Canadian National railways police. One of the big doors in the CNR shops at Transcona, caught by the wind, knocked him into a seven-foot pit.

B. Fawcay, of 134 Morier avenue, St. Vital, had splints applied to a fractured wrist after a garage door blew shut on his arm.

Stanley Johnson, of 701 Winona street, Transcona, was struck in the eye by a wind-driven board. He required stitches.

SCHOOLS SUFFER
Some Greater Winnipeg school children are having an unexpected holiday from school today because of the storm.

Two classes at Mulvey school had to be dismissed Tuesday morning because of damage to the school's roof. Another class at Cecil Rhodes school was sent home when water in one classroom forced the class to discontinue.

At the George 5th school in Elmwood a kindergarten class was dismissed because of a damaged window.

There has also been some roof damage to St. John's Technical high school and to King Edward school, but classes are being carried on as usual.

Rain was coming through the roof of Harrow school, but no classes were dismissed there.

Light and power failures were the first things noticed this morning in some schools, but no classes were dismissed because of this.

"Officials from the superintendent of Winnipeg schools office do not yet know the extent of the damage to city schools."

Provencher school in St. Boniface had some roof damage but classes there were running according to schedule.

Part of the roof of Miles Macdonell collegiate, East Kildonan, blew off during the storm last night and students will not be attending classes today.

POWER OFF, TREES DOWN
At Beausejour lights and power went out at 9 p.m. Monday and at press time Manitoba Power Commission crews still were working to get them back into operation.

The Kenora highway was strewn with broken poles, trees and wires; people at Kenora were burning candles during the night.

It was in the Selkirk and Beausejour areas, and between Steinbach and Winnipeg, that the "most serious disruption" of power was reported. Trouble also occurred in the Vita-Dominion City region of southeast Manitoba.

FISHING BOATS SAFE
Fishing boats on Lake Winnipeg were not damaged, according to first reports from Gimli.

However, the southeast portion of the beautiful town park was badly hit; at least 40 large trees were uprooted. During the night there was "intermittent" hydro service.

From Emerson some reports of a man being injured while he and another man tried unsuccessfully to brace up a new barn a few miles north of the border town. Trees were snapped off and on Bird's Hill road, and between Selkirk and Beausejour, and from Morris to Emerson and Altona.

WATER PRESSURE
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MORE ABOUT Storm

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tower at United college collapsed at the height of the storm, falling to the grounds below.

Power at both campuses was cut off through the night, but restored Tuesday morning at Port Garry. However students at United college were sent home when lights were still cut off.

Windows in Swears and Wells fur store in the Paris building were smashed, causing about \$500 damage. Fur coats in the windows were removed by city police before they could be reached by the high winds.

At the Assiniboine Lawn bowling club, Wolseley avenue at the foot of Walnut street, overhead lights were destroyed early Tuesday morning.

Both the Airport Drive-In and the Eldorado Drive-In theatres suffered severe damage. Sections of the fences and speakers were torn loose and scattered over the ramps. A water pipe at the Eldorado was broken.

Dozens of signs along Pembina highway were littered for miles along the ground Tuesday morning.

POLO PARK HIT
Damage at Polo Park was about \$100 as a result of parts of the fence collapsing and shingles being blown off the grandstand.

"None of the City Hydro transmission lines in from the Pointe Du Bois plant are in service," H. L. Briggs, general manager of City Hydro, told the Free Press at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Monday night's storm blew down a great number of the steel towers, he said.

"However, we are maintaining full power supply through the Slave Falls hydro plant and our Amy street steam plant," he said.

"All main distribution feeders in Winnipeg are in service, but there are a great number of wires down and tree branches across wires in the city, which have resulted in interruption of service to a considerable number of small areas," Mr. Briggs said.

"We have our whole staff away from normal duties and engaged in restoring services. All available repair and servicemen have been on duty since about 7 p.m. Monday, or shortly after the storm broke in the Winnipeg area," Mr. Briggs said.

A. J. Taunton, deputy city engineer, said the engineering department is "treating the situation as an emergency."

"Anything requiring immediate attention gets priority treatment. We don't wait for authority to do it. We do it," he said.

All the city's electrical inspectors are working with hydro employees on power line repair. Extra crews were called out Monday night to guard barricades at excavations.

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At Yorkton, Sask., an all-day rain Monday brought 1.73 inches of moisture to already saturated ground, and by mid-afternoon had caused flooding in a number of basements and low areas. Including Sunday's rain, precipitation measured 2.3 inches. Roads are "partially impassable."

BUSES HAMPERED
Bus service in Manitoba was severely hampered by the rain swept roads. Most buses except on No. 1 highway were late, bus depot officials said.

The bus scheduled for Yorkton, Sask., ran no farther than Roblin, Manitoba.

Deloraine, 210 miles southwest of Winnipeg, reported heavy rains Sunday and Monday, but little wind.

The clouds in that area were seeded for rain by the Weather Modification Ltd. on Friday. Electric power was cut off for half an hour Monday.

Heavy winds at Stony Mountain blew down about half of a skating rink, causing damage estimated at \$12,000. The total value of the rink is about \$20,000. Debris from the collapsing building landed on the roof of nearby Sarna's grocery. Joe Sarna, 10, received a scratched arm from a falling timber. Mike Sarna, owner of the store, moved his wife and four children into Winnipeg for the night.

The brick wall of a building which was destroyed by fire at Winnipeg Beach about one year ago blew over in the gale causing serious damage to two adjoining buildings. The Beach Fashion Shop, which was to have opened this summer, had its roof caved in by the bricks. The interior of the building was seriously damaged.

RADIO STATIONS
CBC lines were damaged by the storm during the night. The Carman transmitter played recorded music instead of the usual morning programs heard on CBW at 6:45 a.m. By 7:35 a.m. the Manitoba Telephone System had set up an emergency circuit between Carman and Winnipeg.

CKSB was unable to transmit from the studio to the transmitter, located on Dauphin Road, were under repair. Broadcasting on CKSB began at 10:15 a.m. with music fills played directly from the Carman transmitter. Other French stations throughout the province will play CBW music.

CJOB, CKY and CKRC broadcast as usual today. Network programs will not be carried until eastern lines are repaired. These programs will be replaced with music fills.

CBWT television station reported no interruptions on reception or broadcasting. The TV antennae is built to withstand 110 miles-per-hour wind and four feet of swaying. The CBWT newsroom reports that pictures of the fire will be broadcast over television at 7 and 11 p.m. tonight.

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Some Trans Canada Air Lines flights were late leaving Stevenson Field Tuesday morning, but most of the delays occurred Monday night. There was no report of grounded flights or very great delays.

CPR and CNR communication lines from eastern Canada were damaged, but service was kept up by using alternate facilities.

Plans for an anti-polio inoculation program for an estimated 3,000 Winnipeg school children may not be carried out despite city council's approval Monday night of the program and a \$2,000 appropriation to cover medical costs.

Dr. M. S. Loughheed, the city's chief medical officer, said in an interview following council meeting that the feeling in medical circles is that not sufficient time remains, before school closes, to carry out the program.

PREPARING REPORT
He said he was preparing a "complete report on the situation" for presentation to Wednesday's meeting of civic public health committee.

The program is part of the Salk anti-polio vaccine field trials being carried out by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Before going to council for approval it had gained support of the school board and civic public health committee.

Request to council for the appropriation to cover medical costs of setting up special clinics was made by health committee.

Dr. Loughheed said it would take about five weeks to give the necessary three inoculations to each of the 3,000 children.

Schools will remain open for only about three more weeks. We haven't received the vaccine as yet. It would take about one week to organize the clinics. Some delay likely would be caused by parents not immediately returning consent slips," he said.

For these reasons, he suggested, the program may not be carried out.

MONTH LATE
He told the health committee last Thursday that if the foundation had approached the city "a month ago, we could easily have had 10,000 children take the inoculations."

Ald. C. E. Simonite attempted to reopen debate on the proposed program in the dying minutes of council meeting but was unsuccessful.

He was not present when council earlier approved the program.

Ald. Simonite said that he had "sat in with some doctors" Monday morning and their feeling was that it was "not advisable to begin vaccinations at this date" because of the lack of time. He said also that Dr. Loughheed was preparing a statement along those lines.

Ald. Gordon Fines said during earlier debate that the federal government should foot the bill

for the program, for it was "an experiment which will benefit the country as a whole."

MAY COST LESS
Ald. Slaw Rebchuk, health committee chairman, said he didn't think the program would cost the city the \$2,000 estimated.

"It might be more like \$1,000," he said. The additional \$1,000 was included in case "public pressure requires an expansion of the program."

He pointed out that the vaccine was being offered free of charge and the only expenses incurred would be in setting up four clinics. Medical specialists would be paid \$20 for each daily session; doctors who had worked with the city for five years would get \$15 a session; "new" doctors would get \$10 a session.

DAMAGE Heavy On Farms
Manitoba farmers suffered extensive flood damage to their crops as a result of the violent storm that whipped through the province Monday night.

H. E. Wood, director of publications for the Manitoba department of agriculture, said Tuesday chief damage had been in the further delay to seeding operations in parts of the Red river valley and northwestern Manitoba.

Mr. Wood said late information showed quite extensive flood damage to fields in south-central Manitoba and in northern sections, where from 2 1/4 to four inches of rain had fallen in little over 24 hours.

FALEN LIVE WIRES WARNING ISSUED
Power officials of Winnipeg Electric and City Hydro Tuesday warned Winnipeggers to stay clear of fallen wires that were broken in Monday night's gale. Parents especially were urged to warn children of the danger involved.

Loads of up to 4,000 volts carried by the lines, and even telephone lines, under certain conditions, are dangerous.

While crews have been working through the night repairing damaged lines, a number have not been fixed.



There'll be no parking ticket for this car-owner because his 1954-model is firmly anchored to the street. By an amazing twist, the big gale that hit Winnipeg on Monday afternoon blew this 15-foot flag pole off the Ambassador apartments at 379 Hargrave street. It broke a neat hole through the hood of the car and stuck firmly into the pavement below. But the owner had the last laugh — the pole had missed the engine and slipped down just behind the radiator.

MORE ABOUT Fire

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From the Dismorr block, flames rapidly spread to the Edward and Affleck buildings. Firemen were able to bring the fire to a halt in the Affleck block. The Bank of Commerce, next to the Affleck block, escaped with only slight damage.

LICKED AT ROOF
About 8 a.m. flames began licking at the roof of the Norlyn building, directly behind the Dismorr block.

Within minutes, the top floors were a raging inferno.

The heat turned the water being played on the flames to steam.

Although buildings on the south side of Portage were not directly damaged by flames, thousands of dollars of damage was caused by the intense heat which cracked plate glass windows.

On the first floor of Eaton's, 13 huge plate glass windows have to be replaced. Every window on the other seven storeys — about 315 in all — will be replaced, an official told the Free Press.

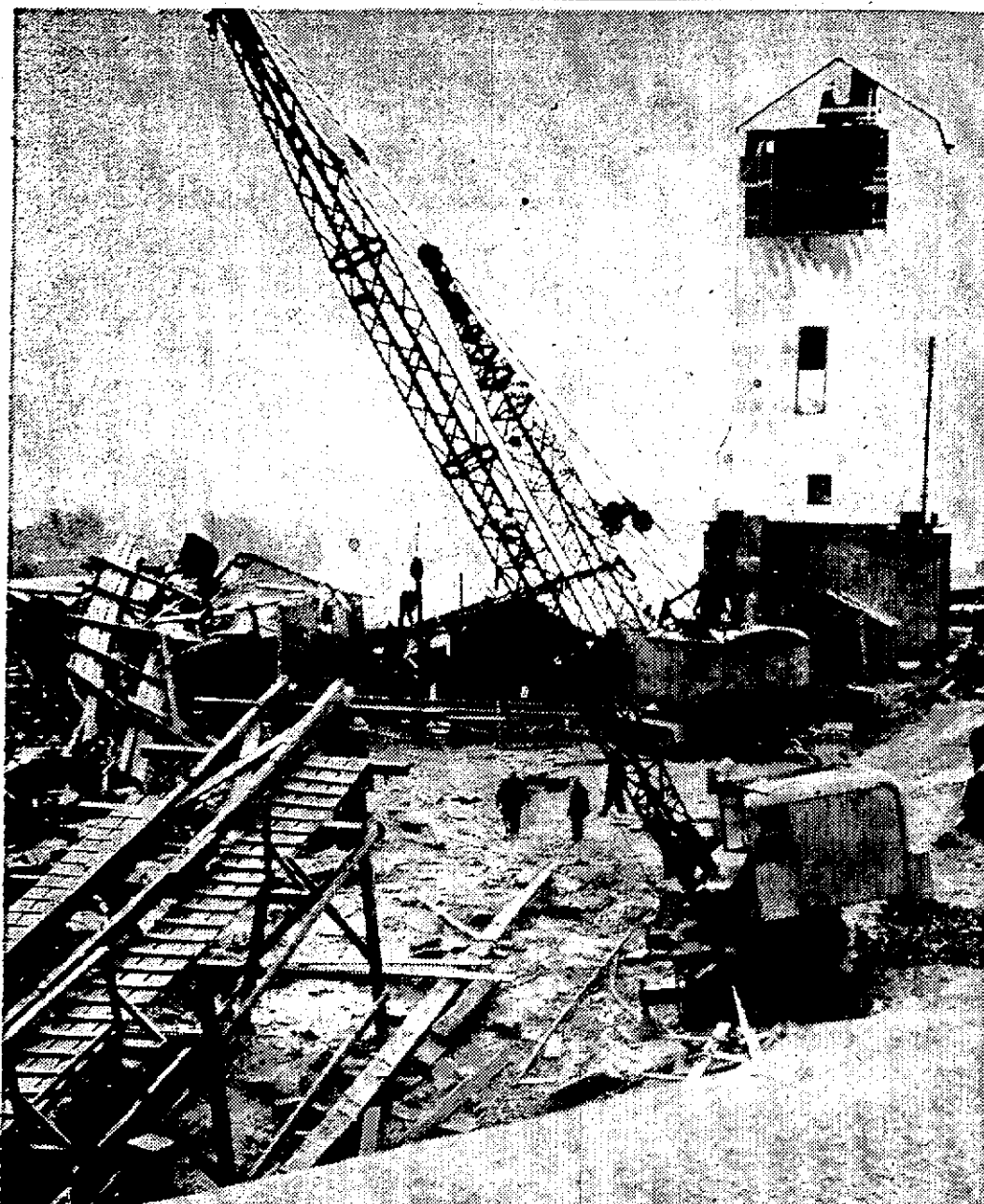
At 10 a.m. workmen were sending more cracked plate glass windows shattering to the street from Household Finance offices, over the Mitchell-Copp building.

No damage from fire or water was reported to the building, which contains about 20 suites and is owned by J. Garfinkel and G. Grubert of Winnipeg.

The glass dome roof caved in the rear wall on the north side of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Portage and Donald branch, at 315 Portage avenue, the superintendent's department of the bank reports.

A half-hour fire starting about 9 a.m. was brought under control by fire fighters. The bank is closed for the day.

All important records are se-



Work crews of Northern Construction company are busily cleaning up debris at the Manitoba Hydro Electric board's McArthur Falls power plant project after Monday's rain and wind storm. The aggregate conveyor leading to the cement mixer plant was toppled by the wind. The mixer plant, with a gaping tear in its side, is seen in the centre while cranes and workmen go about the job of cleaning up. It is expected the conveyor will be repaired within a week. In the meantime, concrete pouring at the plant will be suspended.

All-Out Battle Saves McArthur Falls Plant

High Water, Gale Threaten Dams

By J. HARTLEY SMITH
McARTHUR FALLS, Man. (Special) — In a weird half-world setting of fitful shadows, rushing water and screaming wind, men and machines won a dramatic battle against time here Monday night.

As a result of their victory, work is proceeding normally today on the new McArthur Falls power plant. Had they lost, water would have flooded the job and delayed construction for weeks and perhaps months.

Further Price Cut Feared

PM Assures House
Wheat War Not Likely

OTTAWA (Special) — Possibility that the price of wheat may be cut even more than the 10 1/2 cents announced Monday by the wheat board, before the end of the current crop year, is the subject of speculation here among members of parliament.

This possibility is causing grave concern among the western members. It will be one of the questions they will seek assurances.

Every available man and truck was pressed into service to pile tons of clay on top of the power plant coffer dams reinforcing and protecting them from the wind-whipped water which threatened to bring about their collapse.

As it was, the \$23,000,000 project did not escape the storm unscathed. Tuesday, big work gangs were clearing the rubble and twisted debris that followed collapse of the aggregate conveyor leading to the concrete mixer plant.

The emergency arose because of the unusually high level of the Winnipeg river and the 70-mile-an-hour winds and pelting rain of Monday's storm.

Ray King, project manager for Northern Construction Co. of Vancouver, noticed water splashing over the top of the dam and into the power plant forebay at about 6 p.m. He immediately directed trucks hauling clay for a dike along the bank of the Winnipeg river, from the power plant to within a few miles of Lac du Bonnet to the job of building up the dam.

Working against time for six desperate hours in the driving wind and pelting rain, the men piled four to five feet of heavy clay along both upstream and downstream coffer dams. Bulldozers and trucks kept up a steady stream of activity until after midnight. A constant watch was being maintained Wednesday for any signs of weakening.

REINFORCED BEFORE
The coffer dams, which are from 40 to 50 feet high had been reinforced once previously this season in anticipation of high water levels.

Mr. King was unable to offer any prediction as to what might happen when run-off from the Lake of the Woods and its watershed raises the level of flow on the Winnipeg river.

"River flow is now at about 85,000 cubic feet of water per second and we are warned to prepare for 90,000 feet. After that, who can say?" He added that the river level had been unusually high this year, particularly in comparison with last year's maximum river flow of 55,000 feet.

Had sufficient water spilled over there was danger of the dam

Crews Clean Up Debris Of Fire

Operation Clean-up was in full swing Wednesday in downtown Winnipeg as debris was cleared from the site of Tuesday's \$3,000,000 fire which destroyed four buildings and damaged two others.

As demolition crews removed hazards left by the blaze and the city's engineering department hauled away rubble, firemen continued to pour water on the smouldering ruins.

Although street cars resumed operation on Portage avenue, all other traffic was re-routed at Donald and Edmonton streets. Traffic officials said traffic movement would get back to normal on Portage avenue as soon as the debris was removed from the street and all hazards taken care of.

Pedestrians were prohibited from walking on Portage avenue between Hargrave and Donald streets due to the danger of falling glass from the T. Eaton Co. store.

Practically all businesses which closed shop Tuesday were open Wednesday. Entrance to Eaton's was being made through the side doors on Hargrave and Donald streets.

Officials of the city engineering department said the city would clear all debris to the property line. The rubble on the building site, they said, would have to be removed by the owners themselves.

Engineering department officials said they expected to be through by Thursday morning.

NEW BUILDINGS
Information received Wednesday indicated that new buildings would be constructed to replace those lost in the flames.

An estimated 1,500 persons were thrown out of work by the fire. The majority will go back to work when employers are re-located. Others will seek new employment.

Officials of the Affleck building said Wednesday their building wasn't damaged nearly as much as first reports indicated.

Valuable papers in a loan office were reported intact and only slightly discolored. Hundreds of wills, mortgages and personal documents were lost by law firms.

Tenants evacuated from the Bettles and Westminster blocks

beginning moving back to their homes Tuesday afternoon when firemen had brought the flames under control.

Red Cross headquarters provided clothing for five residents of the Dismorr block following their hasty exit from the smoky building early Tuesday morning. They were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Korman, Mrs. Alice Knowles, her daughter Mrs. Doris Rogers, and Mrs. Rogers' 15-year-old daughter.

Mr. Korman was the caretaker of the Dismorr block and is staying with his wife at a local hotel. The other three persons are living with relatives at 144 Seven Oaks avenue.

CROWDS DOWNTOWN
Tuesday night, thousands of Winnipeggers flocked to Portage avenue to see for themselves the damage caused by the greatest fire in the city's history.

They saw a devastation as great as if a bomb had been dropped from overhead—the remains of the seven-story Time building, and the shells of the Dismorr, Teller and Edwards blocks and adjoining structures.

Wednesday afternoon lawyers, doctors, and furriers, who had tenanted the destroyed buildings, and real estate agents were scurrying around the city seeking any available office space.

W. H. Darroccott, manager of the Winnipeg office, Unemployment Insurance commission, said Wednesday that persons out of work as a result of the fire would

Top Liquor Official Hits Cocktail Bars

The Bracken Liquor Inquiry commission Tuesday heard Manitoba's top liquor official express opposition to sale of liquor in cocktail bars and night clubs.

He also called it a "great weakness" in the province's liquor system that purchases must be taken directly home without being opened.

The opinions came from W. R. Clubb, chairman of the Government Liquor Control commission.

He was the first witness to appear before the Bracken commission in its current series of hearings for provincial government departments.

He testified before the commission for nearly two hours Tuesday. Much of the time he was answering questions put by John Bracken, inquiry commission chairman.

SHOULDN'T HAVE LICENSE
Mr. Clubb also told the commission that some beer parlors in the province "shouldn't have been licensed in the first place," and that the standards in many parlors in the city could be improved.

His comment on the advisability of cocktail bars and sale of liquor in nightclubs came in a brief reply to a question by Mr. Bracken. "Not in favor," he said.

Mr. Bracken said reports had reached the commission that traffic accidents were on the increase and that alcohol was contributing to the trend.

It was at this point that Mr. Clubb made his observations about the law against opening liquor purchases anywhere but at the buyer's residence.

GREAT WEAKNESS
He described the regulation as "a great weakness" for which he could not recommend a solution.

"Take for instance a truck driver," he said. He went on to say that a truck driver might buy a half dozen bottles of beer and open the carton to drink one bottle or part of a bottle. This left the man in the position of having to drink it all or be liable for prosecution if the open carton was discovered.

"This is one of the hardest things the law enforcement agencies have to deal with," he told the commission.

He said he would "like to see a solution," but could offer the commission no suggestion.

"I would like to see the law tightened or liberalized — however you want to put it — for the man with an unopened bottle in his possession," the liquor chief said.

AGAINST STORE SALES
In answer to questions by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Clubb made these statements:

• He did not favor sale of beer in grocery stores. "It's hard enough to control it the way it is."

• He had no comment to make on the treatment of problem drinkers other than to say this work was "worthy and necessary."

• He would not comment on the question of sale of beer and wine with meals in restaurants. This was a matter of government policy.

• He would "hate" to see the government go into the manufacture of beer, liquor and wine. Two wineries had started up in the province. Both had to close down and went into "bootlegging before they were through."

• Mr. Clubb said he wouldn't

Cherchez La Femme

Picture No. 15—the third picture in the third set of the popular Cherchez La Femme contest — appears today on page 4. Save all the pictures appearing in the contest this week and send them in along with the coupon which will appear next Saturday. You have as much chance as anyone else to get a bit of the big \$300 weekly prize jackpot. Entries for the second week of the contest, for pictures 7 to 12 inclusive, must be in the Free Press office by Friday noon.

Negrey Claims Deal Made

Mike Negrey, who faces extradition to the United States to finish a penitentiary term, Tuesday disclosed details of a "deal" he claimed to have made with the state prosecutor at Lincoln.

In a letter to a Winnipeg radio station, he said that when arrested in Lincoln in 1947, the prosecutor offered that if he made a guilty plea, he would receive only a two-year term on a burglary charge.

Negrey claimed in his letter, however, that when he came up in the Nebraska court to face the charge, the prosecutor with whom he had made the "deal" was absent. Also absent was the judge who had been involved in the transaction.

With the two new officials in the court, he received a nine-year sentence after his guilty plea instead of the two years promised, Negrey claimed.

Hon. Ivan Schultz, attorney

on when they participate in the full-scale wheat marketing policy debate scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday.

Prime Minister L. St. Laurent reassured the house Tuesday that Canada and the United States have no desire to engage in a wheat price war. But members are perturbed by Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe's declaration last Monday that "in spite of representations, the Americans cut their price of wheat on Friday by 10 cents."

Western members discussing the situation among themselves are worried that if the U.S. decided "despite representations" by Canada to slash the wheat price it might do so again, forcing Canada to follow suit.

Mr. St. Laurent however, informed the house Tuesday "from our discussions with the responsible members of the U.S. government we can assure the house there is no desire on our part on the part of the U.S. to get into a cut rate war on wheat."

Farm members are concerned too over the possibility that there will now be no interim payment on the 1953-54 crop. An initial payment of \$1.40 has been paid by the wheat board. With the price cut now in effect farmers' members believe it highly unlikely that the board will be in a position to announce an interim payment later this year.

The Canadian price for No. 1 Northern Fort William is now \$1.72 1/2 a bushel.

Opposition members served notice that they intend to debate the government's policy with regard to wheat prices and world markets.

At one point in the vigorous verbal brickbats hurled across the



Faces upturned, a dense crowd jams the intersection of Portage avenue and Carlton street at 9 p.m. Tuesday, to watch firemen and demolition crews working on the ruins left by a \$3,000,000 fire. Thousands flocked downtown Tuesday night to see work crews topple the 80-foot pillar of bricks and masonry towering over the remains of the devastated Time building. For blocks around the fire devastation, there were traffic jams.

IN SPANISH CAPITAL Madrid Still Bears Scars Of Civil War

Traveling may be cheap in Spain but Free Press movie critic Frank Morris finds the atmosphere in Franco's country rather oppressive after the sunny Riviera. Frank describes here his first day in Madrid. No bull fights yet! But he'll be writing about one soon.

BY FRANK MORRISS

MADRID, Spain (Special) — Flying from the south of France to Madrid in the space of three hours, one is transported from a sunny Mediterranean playground into a teeming city that is opulent and heavy with an atmosphere that is hard to define.

If you have visions of castanets and ladies with mantillas leaning out of win-

U.S. Cuts Price On More Wheat

WASHINGTON (Special) — The United States department of agriculture announced Wednesday that some 5,000,000 bushels of low grade government owned wheat will be offered for export at cut rate prices.

The grain will be offered at \$1.30 a bushel FOB east coast and gulf ports.

Some 1,200,000 bushels of red garlicky wheat were sold Tuesday at these prices. Sales were made outside the International Wheat agreement with Britain taking the largest portion.

Temperatures

Maximum, minimum temperatures and precipitation for 24 hour period ending 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 9 were:

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Vancouver	54	31	.11
Calgary	52	43	.00
Edmonton	50	46	.14
Swift Current	48	42	.33
Regina	52	44	.28
Saskatoon	53	44	.30
Brandon	58	48	.36
Winnipeg	66	46	.42
Churchill	58	32	.27
Fort William	62	43	.09
Ottawa	72	49	.00
Toronto	77	53	.00
Montreal	65	55	.00
Halifax	58	45	.00

Storm-Hit Lines Near Normal

Service returned to near-normal throughout Manitoba Wednesday as the province set repairing damage from the near hurricane winds that funnelled up the Red River valley from the south.

Manitoba Telephone system crewmen had repaired all damaged lines in the Lockport, Beausejour and Morris-Emerson sectors by Wednesday morning. They said in Winnipeg proper damage had seeped into underground cable-sheaths and was interfering with phone service.

C. P. Hatalin, manager of operating division of Winnipeg Electric Co. said Wednesday that "we'll be well into tomorrow before we have the back of the situation broken."

He said the situation in the "outlying areas is pretty well under control," but trouble was being experienced in the central part of the city.

By Thursday "we'll still have the odd location without service and we can't promise anything definite on when power service will be resumed," he said.

Maintenance, line and emergency crews were working on a 24-hour schedule.

City Hydro is "rapidly clearing up its power troubles" and sometime Wednesday will have restored "almost normal service," H. L. Briggs, general manager, said.

Of the main distribution circuits in the city — only one — at Wolseley avenue — is still not functioning properly.

It was expected that two of the four circuits leading into the city from the Pointe du Bois power plant would be in operation Wednesday on a temporary basis.

Mr. Briggs flew along the transmission route Tuesday and reported eight steel towers had been toppled. He said crews were

★ sweet, fresh flavor! ★

MARGARET MARGARINE

Two Half Pounds

BRYCES FOR DELICIOUS CAKES

A CAKE FOR EVERY TASTE

STREETCARS DOWNTOWN

But Trolley Buses Must Detour

Streetcars are operating again along Portage avenue but there is no stop in front of the T. Eaton store. Passengers must alight at either the Garry street or Edmonton street stops, the Greater Winnipeg Transit commission announced Wednesday morning.

Portage, North Main and Kildonan street cars are back on their regular schedule after being re-routed as a result of Tuesday's Portage avenue fire.

All stores on the south side of Portage in the fire area were reported open Wednesday. Smaller stores west of the Time building ruins were hoping to open but it was not definite at presstime.

Trolley bus wires are all down from Hargrave street to Kennedy street on Portage avenue. Replacing them will possibly take two or three days after the rubble from the demolished building has been cleared.

Academy-Stafford buses are running along Ellice avenue to Garry street instead of their regular route along Portage avenue. The St. Mary's and Ellice buses also

HEROIC STAFFERS HELP SAVE STORE

A group of courageous men helped city firemen save the T. Eaton Co. store from almost certain fire during the height of Winnipeg's greatest blaze.

The store's own employees — routed from their beds at 5 a.m. Tuesday — rushed downtown and raised a

Lower Price Of Flour Won't Affect Bread, Bakers Say

Recent reductions in flour prices will not bring cheaper bread to Winnipeg consumers.

Spokesmen for two major city bakeries Wednesday said the drop in flour prices did not warrant lower bread prices.

Several large flour milling companies announced a drop in flour prices Tuesday. Flour costs were cut by 30 cents a barrel and 15 cents a bag.

A 28-pound bag now costs \$4.60. Lower flour prices will, however, be passed on to consumers even in smaller lots.

A cut in flour prices followed a drop in wheat prices announced by the Canadian wheat board Monday. Prices of top grade wheat were slashed by 10 1/2 cents a bushel.

Bakery officials pointed out that the flour price reduction will lower the cost of making bread by only 1/15 cent a loaf.

GRIFIONS CLUB PLANS SUPPER MEETING

The Griffons club of Winnipeg will hold a supper meeting in the Charleswood United church at 6:15 p.m. Thursday. This will be the final meeting of the club before the summer vacation period. On Saturday at 2:30 p.m. the club will hold its annual picnic in the hay field at Assiniboia park. The annual Griffons golf tournament and dinner, originally scheduled for June 18 at the Niswaga golf club, has been cancelled.

RELATIVES IN SCOTLAND SEEK JOSEPH FOX

Relatives in Scotland are seeking the whereabouts of Joseph Fox, son of the late Patrick Fox and Mary Clinton of Unshenagh, Kilmogh, Ireland, who left there to come to Canada in 1929 or 1930.

A niece, Mrs. Sally Robertson, is trying to establish contact with Mr. Fox. The niece is a daughter of Mr. Fox's sister and resides at Caramondanis, 31 Marchmont road, Edinburgh, 10, Scotland.

Suspected Break-In Being Checked

Detectives are investigating a suspected break-in at Hudson's Bay Co. Tuesday night. Inspector of Detectives George Blow said he had no details available but there would more than likely be an announcement Thursday. Police were called to the scene around 5:30 a.m. Wednesday and discovered a ladder resting behind a smashed door in the east wing of the department store. It is not known whether anyone was arrested at the time, although police had investigated a burglar alarm which was turned in around 11:30 p.m. Tuesday.

MEDALS AWARDED AT ISAAC BROCK

Presentation of Isaac Brock Community club medals took place at the closing exercises of the Isaac Brock school. A silver medal was awarded to Waldemar Lehn and bronze medals went to Fred Birrell and Ernie Lockhart. Carol Ruth James gave the valedictory.

CNR EMPLOYEES DONATE \$2,388

Canadian National railways employees in Greater Winnipeg Wednesday presented Major A. Dale, of the Salvation Army, with \$2,388.40 for his organization's Red Shield appeal.

Highland Games Get New Trophy

The Scottish Amateur Athletic association of Manitoba has received a new addition to the list of awards to be presented at the 48th annual Highland Games and Sports to be held at Polo Park on Dominion day, July 1. A trophy has been donated to the association by the Gaelic Society of Winnipeg. It will be awarded to the winner in Juvenile A dancing competitions who scores the highest aggregate marks in the Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Reel of Tulloch and Munro Triubhais. Closing time for entries is 8 p.m. June 18. P. W. Munro, secretary-treasurer of the association, 608 Windsor avenue, is receiving them.

Smedley's Corner

After all the excitement of the past day or so, what do you say we talk about bagpipes for a change? It's just that we thought you might be interested in the item in an information bulletin of the Dagenham Girl Pipers, as noted by a London paper:

"For the first time since the war we have gone back to the original practice of keeping the bagpipes supply by the correct method — that is, to pour in the whites of eggs and sugar.

"With the shortage of eggs for the past 15 years we have been using treacle, but in certain climates this has not been very satisfactory."

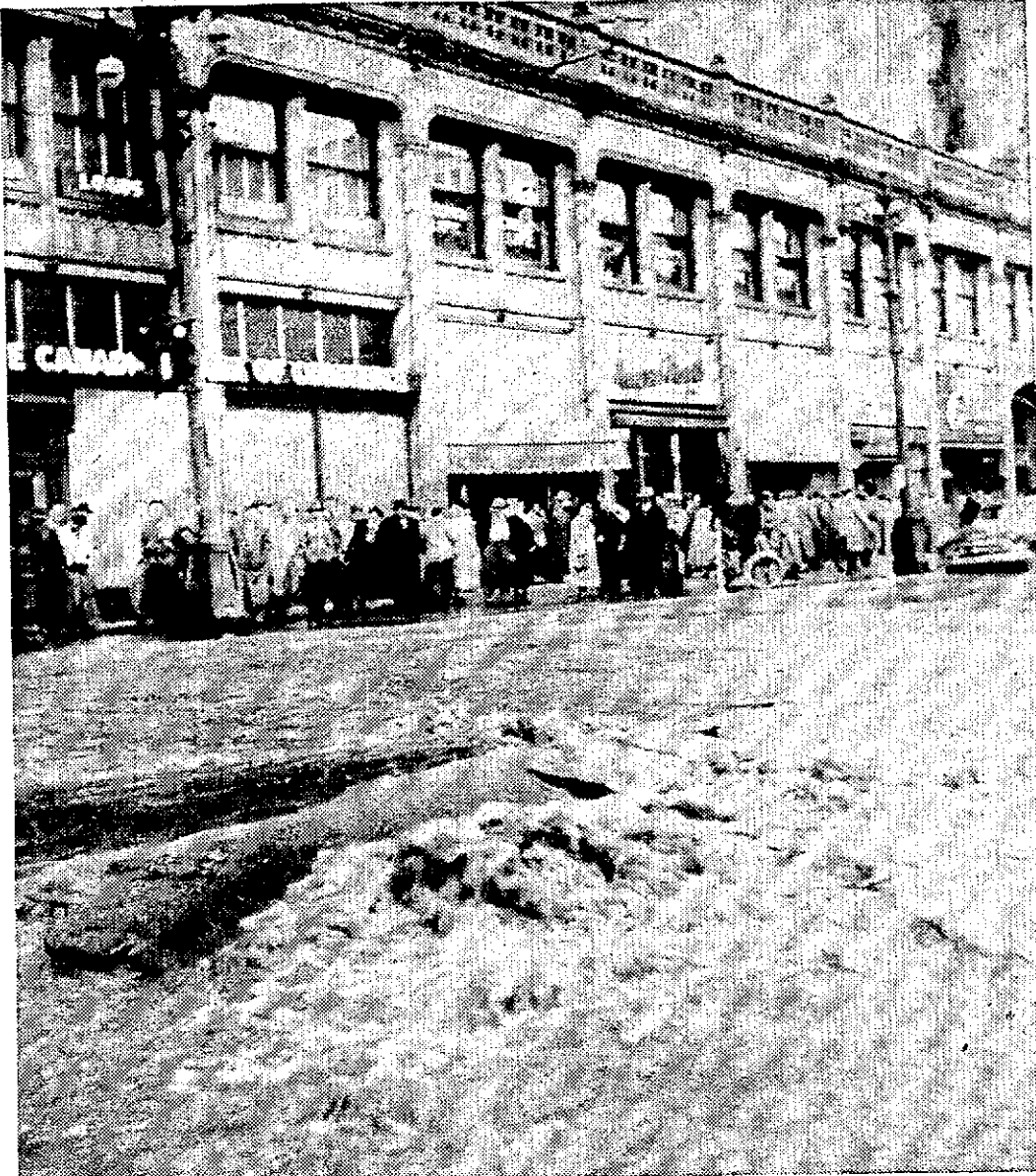
One of Smedley's men rushed down to the central police station with this item clutched in his hands and asked one of the experts on bagpipes just what the situation is in Canada.

Well, it turns out that they're still using treacle with honey out at the West Coast, which seems about the only thing to do in that beastly climate. Here, it's different. Pipers here keep the bags supply with a mixture of glycerine and honey. Always have. Apparently the bags in this region are special — made of horsehide — and this is just the medicine they require.

DRIVING TESTS FOR CYCLISTS URGED

TESTING DIVISION

"See what I mean?"



Watermain buckles Portage avenue after fire.

City Crews Repair 3 Broken Mains

Winnipeg Water Works Employees Labor All Night

W. L. Wardrop, engineer of water works for the city, said Wednesday that an all-night effort by engineers and employees had succeeded in repairing three of the four breaks in the city's high-pressure water line.

The breaks in the 47-year-old line — used for combatting fires in the downtown area — occurred during Tuesday's fight to quell the Portage avenue fire.

The three breaks were repaired by 6 a.m. Wednesday. Hot asphalt was used to patch the roadway, pulverized by the gushing water and traffic is now moving normally in the areas of the breaks.

RESTORE SERVICE

The remaining break at Alexander and Gunnell would be repaired and service restored to normal by Wednesday afternoon, it was stated.

The high pressure water system — used for fighting fires in the downtown area — Tuesday was taxed beyond its capacity.

But, because of its alternate feeds the breaks were bridged and fire hoses did not suffer any drop in water pressure at the source of the fire. When a break occurs only the block in which it is located is affected.

The system runs mainly along Portage avenue and Main street with loops running through side streets. The line covers a total distance of 12.8 miles and was first laid in 1907.

FAIRLY UNIQUE

Its presence makes Winnipeg fairly unique among Canadian cities, for few have both systems, domestic and high pressure.

Where only a domestic line exists firemen must connect a pump to the line in order to increase pressure. Where there is a high pressure system the line is connected directly to the hydrant.

Although the line is 47 years old it still is in "pretty good condition," Mr. Wardrop said. It's 12 inches in size and made of cast iron.

When a break occurs, the pavement fill is undermined and the pavement is buckled upward. Extensive flooding occurs until the broken section can be shut off.

WONT BREAK

The worst break Tuesday was at the north Main subway. The pavement buckled on the west side of the subway from the sidewalk curb to the streetcar tracks. Only the east side of the subway was open to traffic.

The first break occurred in the



Gallant Fellow

Road Jars Like Quake As Wreckage Crashes

Demolition crews worked Wednesday to clear away hazards jumped, the pavement jarred as left by the burned-out buildings on Portage avenue.

An 80-foot high pillar of bricks and masonry rising from the ruins of the Time building at Hargrave street and Portage avenue, was the first to go Tuesday.

Litz Brothers, with 15 of their Canadian-born, American trained wreckers, all in yellow sou'westers, started the job shortly after 2 p.m.

They were responding to instructions from A. J. Taunton, deputy city engineer, given at 12:30 p.m.

"Tear down anything you think will endanger the public on the sidewalks and the crosswalks," orders were.

The demolition crew went to work swiftly. It called three crane trucks with steel winches into operation, and drew on the fire department for help and equipment.

City firemen backed an aerial ladder truck into the intersection. A yellow-slickered figure mounted the ladder and looped a steel cable 80 feet up around the remnant of the old Time building.

The other end of the cable was wound around a winch in a crane truck wedged against the curb in front of the blackened shell of the Disnorr block.

The aerial ladder was retracted, the truck driven away. Thousands of spectators, back in the side streets, held their breath as the winch began to wind. Then the 80 foot pillar rumbled, leaned and crumbled at the bottom, slowly toppled over.

Overnight Entries

WINNIPEG JOCKEY CLUB
EIGHTH DAY—Polo Park, Winnipeg, Man. Thursday, June 10, 1954.

FIRST RACE—\$1,000 claiming. For 3-year-olds and up. 6 furlongs.
Blue Thrust ... 110 Doc's Boy ... 113
Whiff of Gold ... 113 Pekes Gold ... 108
Mrs. O'Spenn ... 113 Ideal Man ... 108
Caynes ... 205 Also Eligible:
Silent Love ... 108 High Justice ... 113
Charles J. ... 113 Forsyth ... 108
Ho Ho Susie ... 103 Valid Coupon ... 103
Maggie Fright ... 108 Bagona ... 103
Venus ... 113
4-year-olds and up. 7 furlongs:
Frozen Up ... 115 Also Eligible:
Mr. O'Pace ... 120 Dolly Queen ... 120
Chuck Checker ... 120 No Smoking ... 120
B. O'Pace ... 113 Brown Jeff ... 120
Willow Wagon ... 120 Ross O'Naght ... 115
Witch Hunter ... 120 Skekete ... 120
Beld Rebble ... 120 Just Hour ... 115
Vids Sin ... 120 Fred Yates ... 115
Vanem ... 115 Cugold ... 115
Janet ... 120 Vuvette ... 115
Muy Sano ... 115 Over Run ... 120
Mrs. J. ... 115 Charlesworth and Mrs. D. E. Robertson entry.

FOURTH RACE—\$1,000 claiming. For 3-year-olds and up. 6 furlongs.
Foolish Law ... 120 Also Eligible:
Foghorn ... 113 Dominic Lass ... 110
Geundheit ... 113 Tawny Port ... 113
Cora B ... 120 Tana Lee ... 113
Singing Girl ... 120 Blyn Eagle ... 110
Soney Way ... 120 Friendly Sal ... 101
Lions Hour ... 113 Meadowbrook ... 115
Sweeping ... 110 Glycerine ... 115
Star ... 105 Out Lasse ... 115
Lion's Hour ... 113 Over Run ... 120

FIFTH RACE—\$1,000 claiming. For 3-year-olds and up. One mile.
Tina ... 114 Peckstream ... 114
O'Pace ... 113 Blyn Eagle ... 110
Pacific Fleet ... 114 Balko Boy ... 109
Ellio ... 120 Liseron ... 119
Blyn's Choice ... 104

SIXTH RACE—\$1,500 added. For 3-year-old fillies. 6 furlongs. (The Canada Cup.)
Gala Choice ... 111 Miss Yales ... 115
Miss Nadak ... 115 Virginia Seed ... 115
Weyburn ... 111 Merry Glance ... 115
Taber Lass ... 115 Silver Echo ... 111
Lillian ... 115

SEVENTH RACE—\$1,000 claiming. For 4-year-olds and up. 6 furlongs.
Grilled ... 117 Onwiche ... 117
Two Rivers ... 122 Georgia Noon ... 117
Ossie ... 117 Also Eligible:
Ray O'Wise ... 112 Rutile M ... 112
Gay But Wise ... 117 Jim's Driver ... 122
Purvin ... 122 Shirley Jane ... 112
Sun Gold ... 117 Swathen ... 117
Horses listed according to post positions.

APPRENTICE ALLOWANCE CLAIMED.
POST TIME 5:15 P.M.
SCRATCH TIME 8 A.M.
TRACE HEAVY

SYMPHONY ANNUAL MEET

\$13,085 Loss Shown

Winnipeg's Symphony orchestra has had a total loss of \$13,085.34 in its operations during the 1953-54 season.

This was shown in the report of the board of directors, presented by Dr. Digby Wheeler, president, to the annual meeting of shareholders Tuesday evening in the Free Press clubroom.

WHEELER RE-ELECTED

Dr. Wheeler was re-elected president of the board for a second term.

The orchestra's operating loss, however, was reduced by a \$3,900 grant from the City of Winnipeg and a further \$4,825 donated by the orchestra's Women's committee, the report revealed.

The net operating loss was therefore \$3,560.34, which the board recommended be made up from funds available in the orchestra's foundation fund.

However, Dr. Wheeler in his report, pointed out that the Foundation fund would practically be exhausted by this withdrawal. It was recommended that every effort be made by the fund chairman, J. M. Sinclair, to rehabilitate the fund.

ENCOURAGING SEASON

Comparing this season's financial standing with previous years, the board's report stated that the company's operations during the past season had been very encouraging.

The duties of business manager of the orchestra were assumed May 1 by Lawrence Davis, the report stated.

The orchestra's Women's committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Grant Dexter, was commended for its assistance and financial support. Regret was expressed at the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Dexter from the city.

Dr. Wheeler also paid tribute to Walter Kaufmann, who continued next season as conductor of the orchestra, for his effective leadership.

Other members of the executive elected for the 1954-55 season were: S. C. Cook, C. Irving

Liquor Sale On Trains Opposed

The Manitoba Conference of the United Church of Canada will appeal to the Ontario government to refuse a Canadian railway application which would permit the sale of liquor on transcontinental trains passing through that province.

Conference delegates, at Wednesday's sessions of their annual meeting at Westminster church, adopted a resolution which calls for an immediate protest against such liquor sales.

WIRE TO FROST

The resolution instructed Rev. K. G. MacMillan, of Fort William, conference president, to telegraph the protest to Ontario's Premier Leslie Frost.

The action was taken on the recommendation of Dr. S. N. McLeod of St. Paul's United church in northwestern Ontario.

Dr. McLeod said that liquor sales are already permitted on trains in British Columbia and that an application by railways for similar privileges is already under consideration by Ontario.

URGES ACTION

He urged the conference to take action since it oversees the operations of the United church in northwestern Ontario.

Dr. McLeod also told the meeting that the liquor question in Manitoba would be brought before Friday morning's sessions of the meeting. He said that delegates would be asked to present resolutions for use in preparing a brief to the Stracklen liquor enquiry commission.

He added that consideration of the question has been delayed until Friday so that delegates may hear a seven-member panel discussion on liquor scheduled for Thursday night before taking action.

Early Bird Selections

FIRST RACE—Silent Love has plenty of speed and should be able to take the measure of this field. Ho Ho Susie has shown some good recent efforts. Pekes Gold looks best of the others.

SECOND RACE—Vanhem is well suited to the track conditions. Frozen Up looks like the contender. Willow King should be close.

THIRD RACE—Plucky Dear has shown speed in recent efforts. Look for sharp improvement in Virginia Royal. I Promise has the rail and speed.

FOURTH RACE—Foolish Law looks west despite the weight. Cora B. should go well in this company. Geundheit might surprise.

FIFTH RACE—Bunt's Choice is lightly weighted and in good form. Liseron appears ready for a top effort. Peckstream is always dangerous.

SIXTH RACE—Taber Lass gets the call here. Weyburn, on her best form, is a distinct threat. Silver Echo is going well.

SEVENTH RACE—Sun Gold looks much the best. Swathen turned in a good race last out. Nyssa could take it all.

BEST: SUN GOLD

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Non-Operating Unions Schedule Mass Meet

All members of the negotiating committee of the 14 non-operating back shop unions on Canadian roads will attend a mass meeting tonight in the civic auditorium.

Frank H. Hall, chairman of the negotiating committee, will speak.

Main purpose of the meeting is to provide rank and file members of the 14 groups in this area who have been ordered to take a strike ballot this month, first hand information on the labor-management dispute on fringe benefits demanded by the unions.

Scottish Cleric Speaks Here

Rev. Ronald S. Wallace, St. Kentigern's church, Lanark, Scotland, at present on a cross-country tour of Canada, spoke in Winnipeg at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at a luncheon at the Homestead.

He will also speak at First Presbyterian church at 8 p.m. the same evening.

Mr. Wallace was recently principal speaker at the Congress of the Rev. Wallace Presbyterian Church in Canada at Toronto.

He will speak in Brandon at 3 and 6 p.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian church. He has recently written a book on Calvin's theology.



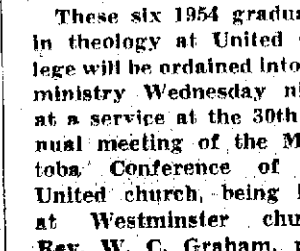
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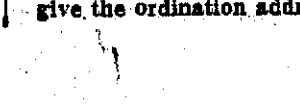
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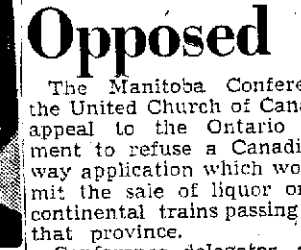
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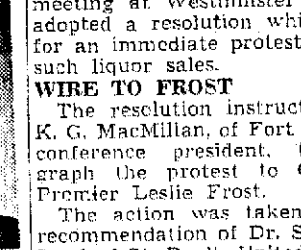
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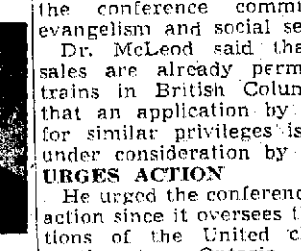
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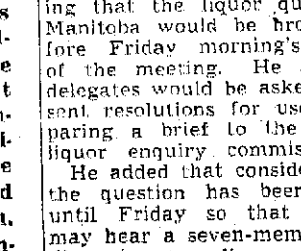
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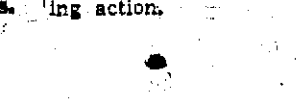
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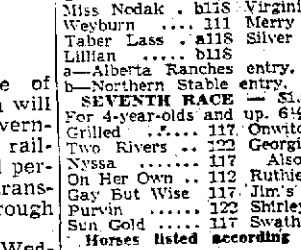
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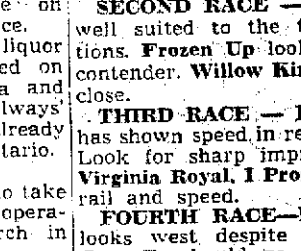
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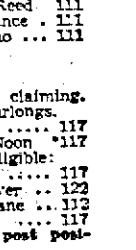
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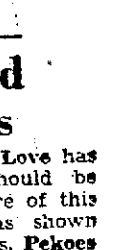
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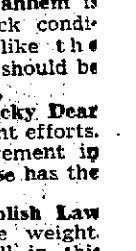
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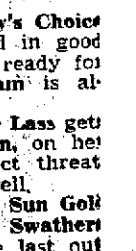
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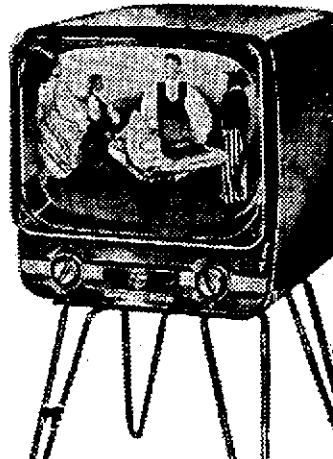
Not 'Bad' Fire Risk

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 against a spreading fire. Mr. Hurst also said.

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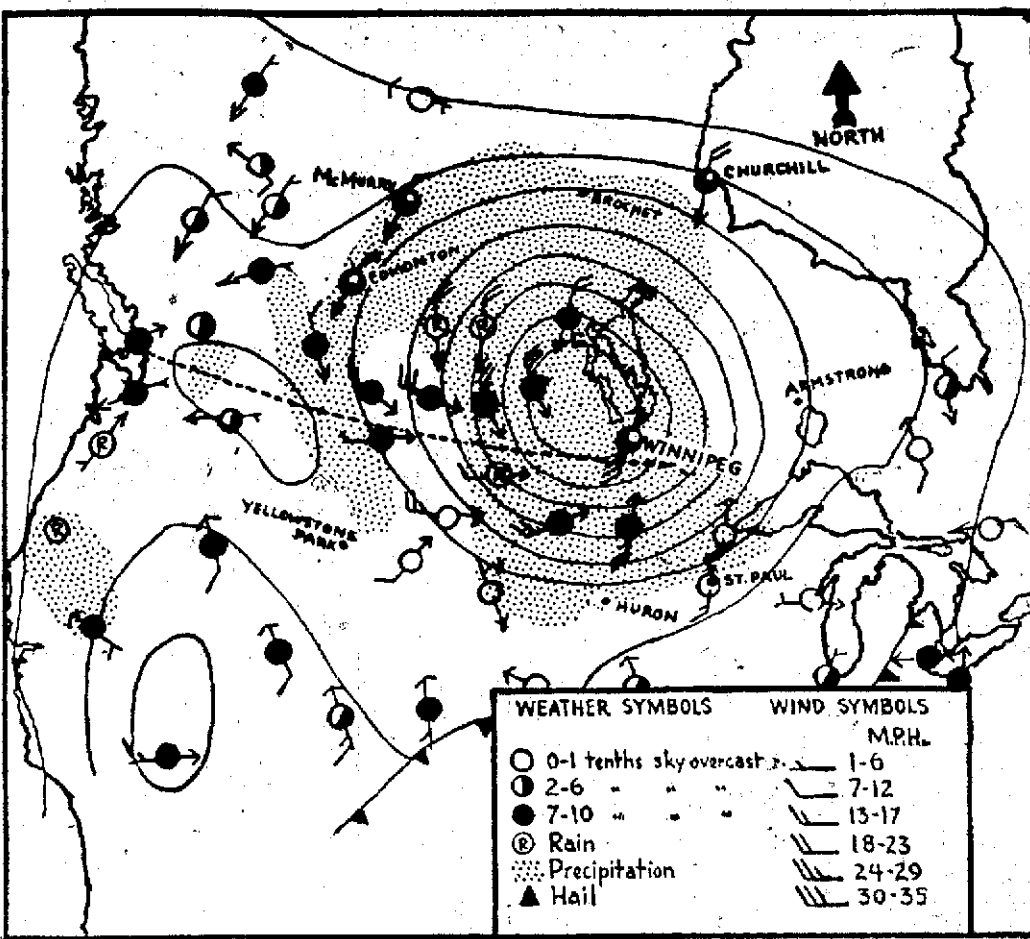
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First indications of the 72 mile per hour gale which ripped through Winnipeg and district are shown in this portion of the weather map for Tuesday. The circles surrounding Winnipeg are isobars — lines joining points of equal barometric pressure. When 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 Poteroka, 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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MORE ABOUT Clean-Up

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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.

Ald. 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 damtop 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.

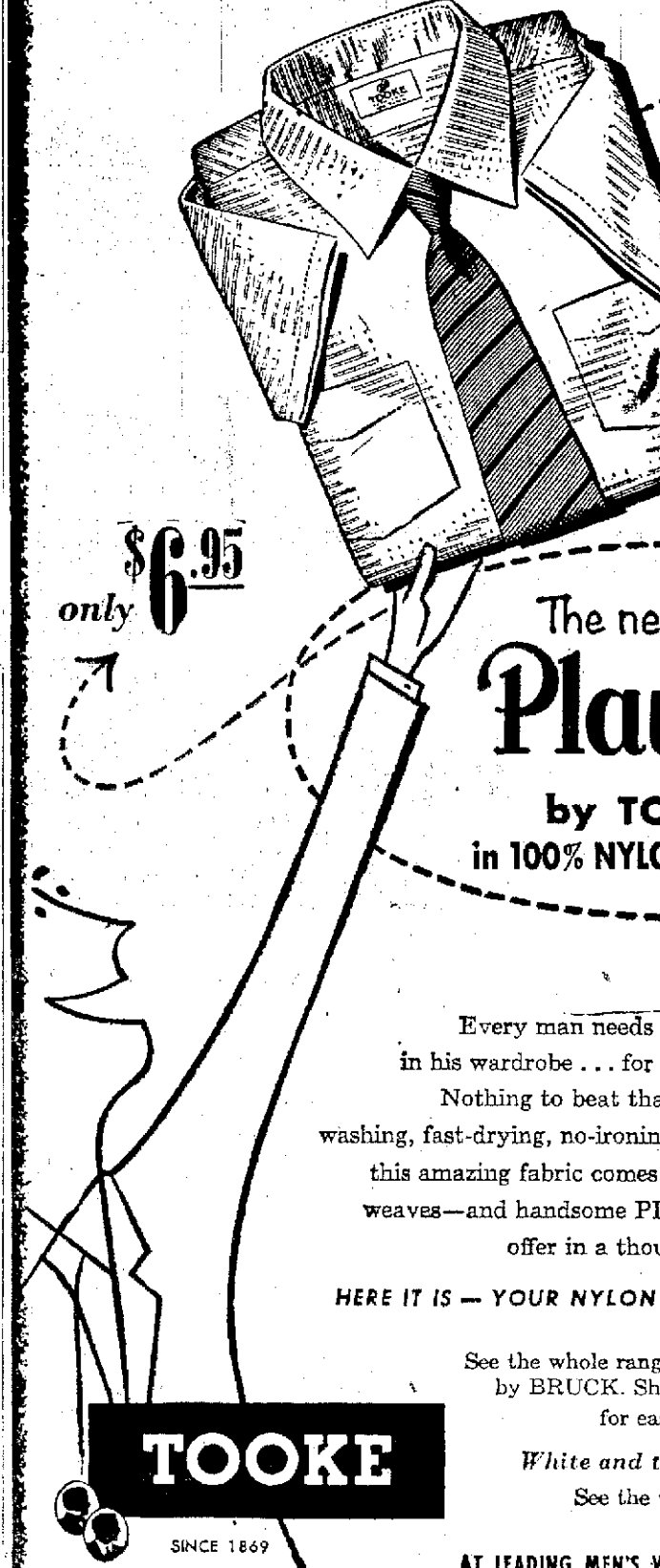
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But it was all a mistake. Omer Beaulne of Timmins explained that he was driving a stolen car, all right, but he had gone to Mont Laurier, Que., with Timmins police officers to recover it. The officers drove back in a different car by a different route. A telephone call to Timmins straightened the matter out.

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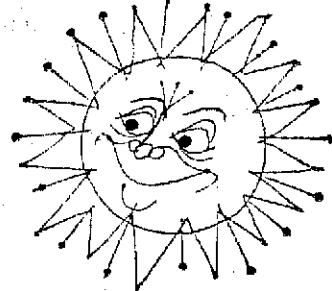
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At the height of Monday night's wind and rain storm this Mark 5 Norseman was ripped from its anchor on the Winnipeg river at Lac du Bonnet and smashed against pilings along the river bank. The plane, owned by Manitoba Government Air Services, was considered a total loss. It was valued at \$50,000. Another plane owned by the air services can be seen riding the waves in the background. Damage to other privately-owned planes which "sat out" the storm on the river may run up to \$100,000.

MORE ABOUT Storm

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out along the line Wednesday making repairs to bypass the towers.

Despite the lack of power from Pointe du Bois, Hydro was furnishing the city with all needed power. Mr. B. Sigs said, from the Slave Falls plant and the Amy street steam plant.

With the resumption of power from Pointe du Bois the steam plant's activities will be cut back, he said.

E. A. Wood, city superintendent of street cleaning operations, said extra crews on eight trucks were patrolling streets, picking up branches, and clearing catch basins.

Removal of trees from thoroughfares and sidewalks is under the parks board.

WHO PAYS?
The engineering department could not say who would pay for cleaning up the debris from Tuesday's fire.

A. J. Taanont, deputy city engineer, said he had been asked this question by civic finance committee members. Careful study is needed, he said, before any answer is available.

Meanwhile the department is going ahead, cleaning up. Crews with bulldozers Tuesday night removed all rubble from Margrave street.

Steel beams were pulled into the streets, cut into sections by flame cutters and hauled away. A city-owned Gradall machine was used to load trucks with debris.

HOSPITAL ROOF
At Children's hospital, a temporary roof was built by 8 p.m. Tuesday. Superintendent J. E. Robinson said the whole operating suite had to be rewired, but that the insurance company had approved this project.

Rain-weakened plaster was dislodged in some private wards, but no one was injured. Damage as yet has not been estimated.

The unsettled weather — which the weatherman reports will remain so for several days — has delayed repair work on the roof of Miles Macdonell collegiate in East Kildonan. Students were off Tuesday and Wednesday, and rains may postpone classes even longer, officials said.

Other Greater Winnipeg school children found their holiday short. All classes at Mulvey and Cecil Rhodes schools were in session Wednesday.

The power blackout also hit the 30th annual meeting of the Manitoba Conference of the United Church of Canada. Tuesday night sessions were transferred to Young United church from the regular meeting church, Westminster.

The sessions were back at Westminster Wednesday morning, but the church was still without light, heat or electric power.

The weatherman reported there would be shower activity or drizzle—with some sunlight—Wednesday and Thursday. A new disturbance, now around Utah, likely would continue to bring unsettled weather here Friday.

He predicted winds of 15 to 20 miles an hour, continual cloudy, unsettled weather, and a Thursday high of about 60 or 65.

Meanwhile, damage reports still come. Planes at Lac du Bonnet were hard-hit, with damage estimated at \$150,000. Two were owned by the Manitoba Government Air Services.

Four or five huge plate glass windows were blown in at Northwest Motors, Brooklands. Many trees in Assiniboine park were blown over.

Lumberyards reported an upswing in the roofing business, and expected still more when insurance adjusters cleared repairs.

DETAILED DAMAGE
Free Press correspondents at various points throughout the storm area filed the following descriptions of the damage.

Emerson, 15 miles south of Winnipeg. Near hurricane winds started through the town at about 7:30 p.m. Monday, snapping off trees, and disrupting telephone and electric service. Light and power was off all night. Telephone communication was open only to Pembina, N.D., Tuesday morning.

One large new barn was blown

down by the gale. Two men who were trying to brace it against the wind were slightly injured.

Morden, 80 miles southwest of Winnipeg. More than two inches of rain fell since Sunday, covering many fields and gardens. Trees were the most severely damaged, and blossoms on fruit trees at the Dominion Experimental station were badly whipped. Several small buildings were blown over, and several large plate glass windows were broken.

Brandon, 140 miles west of Winnipeg. The Assiniboine river rose five inches Tuesday bringing the level to 15 feet, 10 inches. This is one foot, eight inches below flood level.

Pilot Mound, 120 miles southwest of Winnipeg. No wind damage was reported but four inches of rain since Sunday have inundated many fields. A large percentage of the area had been seeded. The heavy rainfall has all but cancelled the Thursday race meet.

Onk Lake, 165 miles west of Winnipeg. Little storm damage was reported from Onk Lake, but rain fall since Sunday has raised the level of the Assiniboine river nearly two feet. The river is still about two feet under flood level, according to latest reports. Some seeded farm land is under water in the valley.

Whittemouth, 67 miles east of

Winnipeg. Electric power was disrupted for a few hours as 65-mile-an-hour winds ripped through the town, damaging small buildings and tearing off several roofs.

Dauphin, 212 miles northwest of Winnipeg. Electric power lines suffered slight damage but no wind damage reported, and rainfall close to normal stood at 1.83 inches Tuesday evening. Water lies all over the land in the Dauphin district, ditches have overflowed at Sifton covering a considerable area. Seeding is reported 70 per cent completed, but further work will be put off at least 10 days. "If there is more rain, it looks like the end of seeding," Reeve John Fotoski said.

Fort Frances, Ont., 280 miles southeast of Winnipeg. Many docks were lifted out of the water and smashed against the shore. Boom logs were broken from their moorings and heavy damage reports are expected from boat owners.

The lake shore was a mass of debris, with broken bits of breakwater installations carried by the surging waves. Lake waters dropped at least two feet after the winds subsided.

Kenora, Ont., 145 miles east of Winnipeg. The Ontario hydro reported complete havoc on power service. Redditt, Minaki and unorganized areas will not likely have electricity for several days. The town was working on a single

phase emergency line. Extra workmen from the Lakehead were rushed to the scene.

500 OUT OF WORK

The Ontario Minnesota Paper Co. closed operations Monday night. More than 500 employees were temporarily thrown out of work. E. E. Crandall, resident manager of the plant, estimated a loss in production of 700 tons of paper.

Fires were reported on two small islands, but none had been seen on the mainland. A department of lands and forests boat

house and three boats were completely destroyed by fire.

The shortage of electric power has resulted in warnings to conserve electricity. The hospital were working on auxiliary

power plants.

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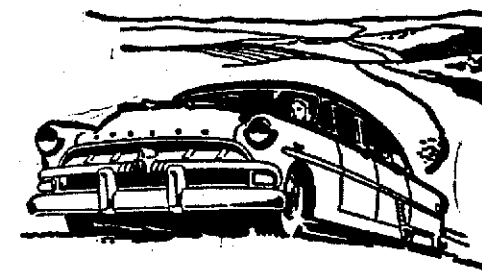
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