

BLACK RAIN

Dust Storm Bespatters Winnipeggers With Mud

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Black rain fell on Winnipeg Friday afternoon. The sun began to fade out shortly after lunch and as the darkness grew blacker, birds retreated to their nests and soothsayers boldly prophesied that the world was coming to an end.

Young men walking to meet their sweethearts along Portage at 4.30 p.m. were shocked to see that those so-lovely faces were streaked with mud and those new silk stockings sprayed with sand.

Scarcely had they opened their mouths to protest, when the girls, instead of offering the usual gentle greeting, took out their handkerchiefs and started right in polishing up the boys' faces. "What have you been doing, George?" was an exclamation everywhere heard. Not until they had made a thorough job, were they persuaded by the spluttering males to take a peek at their own countenances. Compact mirrors were hurriedly produced and one peek was enough.

Black Cats

Grey cats turned black, white houses turned brown and mothers who had given their children a bath and sent them out to play were obliged to repeat the operation three times within the hour.

At 5.30 p.m. the moon was a pale silver disk peering out of a brown sky and the clear, sparkling air of Winnipeg took on that greyness which is normal every day in the Staffordshire Black country and other industrial areas of England.

Winnipeggers were breathing Minnesota dust. The dust storm started in Thief River Falls, Minn., Thursday afternoon and was blown up 160 miles to Winnipeg by strong south winds Friday. United States motorists, driving to Canada, spoke of being pursued all the way by clouds of dust. The storm extended over an area between Carberry and Kenora, these two centres being only very slightly affected.

In the United States dust storms raged over the Kansas "dust bowl" in southeastern Colorado, reducing visibility to 10 feet at Holly, Colo.,

the Canadian Press reported. Milder storms were experienced in central Nebraska and at Fargo, North Dakota, where visibility was six miles.

Dust Bowl Swept

Lamar, Colo., April 23. (AP) — Dust storms swept the southeastern Colorado - western Kansas "dust bowl" country Friday. Visibility was reduced to 10 feet at Holly, Colo.

THE WEATHER

Thursday, 6.30 p.m., to Friday, 6.30 a.m.—Temperature at 6.30 a.m., 35; maximum, 44; minimum, 35; barometer, 30.10; south east wind at 11 miles per hour; trace of precipitation; sky, clear.

Friday, 6.30 a.m., to Friday, 6.30 p.m.—Temperature at 6.30 p.m., 56; maximum, 65; minimum, 35; barometer, 29.92; south wind at 14 miles per hour; maximum humidity, 88%; minimum humidity, 30%; sky, cloudy.

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Dawson	36	40	Regina	26	60
Aklavik	18	18	Brandon	18	66
Simpson	24	30	Winnipeg	35	65
Ft. Smith	16	22	Kenora	24	60
Pr. Rupert	40	54	Pt. Arthur	28	52
Victoria	44	56	Moosonee	20	38
Vancouver	48	60	Cochrane	32	38
Kamloops	48	62	Parry Sound	35	42
Pr. George	30	54	London	38	48
Jasper	28	40	Toronto	41	50
Edmonton	20	34	Kingston	46	54
Banff	31	50	Ottawa	40	50
Calgary	32	50	Montreal	42	52
Lethbridge	36	60	Quebec	36	46
Med. Hat	32	68	St. John	32	44
Swift Current	28	62	Hallfax	38	42
Battleford	28	48	Charlottet'n	32	48
Pr. Albert	30	40	Chicago	40	46
Saskatoon	26	46	St. Paul	30	58
Moose Jaw	32	62			

(Above figures are for 24 hours, ending Friday, 6.30 p.m.)

FORECASTS:

Manitoba—Northerly winds; partly cloudy and colder; probably scattered snowflurries.

Saskatchewan and Alberta—Partly cloudy with light scattered showers or snowflurries; colder over southern districts.

Kenora and Rainy River—Winds shifting to northerly; partly cloudy and somewhat colder; probably light scattered showers or snowflurries.