

-Remember Car High In Tree? It Beat Flood At Cost Of \$85

It took a resourceful North Kildonan market gardener to steal the Manitoba flood picture headlines.

He hoisted his car into a tree.

As a result, pictures of Jacob Vanderhorst's tree-borne car have gone around the world.

Newsreels, picture magazines, news digests, U.S. papers all carried shots of the Vanderhorst automobile slung snugly from its block and tackle in the large shade tree just outside the family home at Lot 56 North Kildonan.

Pictures Come Easy

Photographers who took the pictures of the car and the tree had an easier time than 63-year-old Mr. Vanderhorst did in fitting one into the other.

Flood-wise from '48 he knew what would happen when he saw

the Red river rising just outside his door.

First of all he built a high platform and drove the car onto it.

Then the rush of the river's current undermined the platform and bid fair to send the car headlong into the river.

Mr. Vanderhorst had an idea then.

"Lend me a block and tackle," he asked municipal authorities.

"Sorry," was the reply, "plenty of tackle — no blocks."

So Mr. Vanderhorst went to see a local moving firm and outlined his plan.

The firm's principals thought little of it, but the market gardener managed to convince them.

He gathered what tools were necessary, got a boat and motor, col-

lected a gang of men and waited for the moving crew.

Worked In Water

Working in deep water and from the boat the two crews got the car into the tree in no time — to the subsequent international delight of news readers. It was May 12.

Last Friday the car was lowered to the ground by the same gang that had elevated it.

Now it sits outside Mr. Vanderhorst's flooded home, unaffected, undamaged, but by no means unsung.

Nearby are the three bicycles that Mr. Vanderhorst hoisted to the roof of his dwelling.

His two sons, John, and Harry and 13-year-old Margaret, his daughter are equally as pleased at the way their bikes weathered the flood as is their father about the family car.

But mother, Mrs. Teresa Vanderhorst, isn't very happy.

Her house is ruined, one of the large greenhouses is in similar condition and flood waters took 1,000 flats of bedding plants with them.

Most of her furniture was saved and stored with relatives.

Just now the family, doubtful as to when it will move back home, is living with Mr. Vanderhorst's sister, Mrs. G. Kops, at Lot 102 East St. Paul.

Footnote: It cost Mr. Vanderhorst \$85 to have the car raised and lowered.

Relief Fund Passes Third Of Objective

Manitoba Shows The Way

Here is how the province is boosting the Manitoba Flood Relief fund:

Manitoba's total contribution to Saturday ..	\$1,177,696
Total to Tuesday noon	\$1,221,280

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