

A Timeline of the flood in Northwest Winnipeg:

- **April 22:** Free Press reports Scotia Street residents building dikes; Half a dozen homes surrounded by water.
- **April 27:** State of emergency declared; federal assistance requested.
- **Late April:** 10 dikes built, including one along Scotia Street.
- **May 6:** Scotia dike near Armstrong Ave fails; 200 residents evacuated.
- **May 7:** 8,500 people homeless across the province (4,000 in Winnipeg); 180 homes evacuated in West Kildonan, 150 in Winnipeg.
- **May 8:** Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent pledges troops and monetary aid.
- **May 9:** Free Press reports Scotia dike at Seven Oaks Avenue breaks.
- **May 14:** Red River levels off at 30.2 feet after 14 hours.
- **May 14:** City map reveals if water had reached 31–32 feet, flooding would have extended west of CPR Winnipeg Beach Subdivision tracks.
- **May 16:** Damage estimated at \$4 million (excluding property); end-of-May total updated to \$20 million (~\$266 million today).
- **May 23:** River level drops 6 inches from 30.3-foot peak.
- **May 31:** Residents begin returning home to assess damage.

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Then & Now: Scotia's Fight Against the 1950 Flood



*How the Flood of 1950
shaped the community*

Hosted by Kenneth Ingram



82 Luxton: Harry's Grocery & Meats

Built in 1914 for grocer Max Kaufman and designed by Max Blankstein, this block was taken over by Harry and Anne Bernstein in the late 1940s after Kaufman's passing.



67 Luxton: St John's Presbyterian Manse

Purchased by the church in 1946, the second Reverend to live at 67 Luxton, J.D. Marnoch, had only recently begun his service to the church before the residence was several feet under water.



142 Scotia: Scotia Grocery

Built in 1911, this building operated as a grocery store for around 70 years. Later named Scotia Grocery, by 1947, it was owned and operated by Benjamin and Ida Meyers.



89 Scotia: Gardiner Mansion

This two and a half storey, 4000 square foot Colonial Revival mansion was built in 1921 for funeral director Arthur B. Gardiner and was purchased by Mount Carmel Clinic President Dr. Bernard J. Ginsburg in the 1940s who lived there until his passing in 1962.



165 Scotia: Rice House

This brick home became the residence of one of the city's pioneers in the taxicab industry, Edward L. Rice in the early 1940s. With his wife Celia and three year-old son Richard, the family was one of the thousands evacuated.



261 Scotia/318 McAdam: Senicki House

Prominent homebuilder Walter Senicki built 261 Scotia for his family to his exact specifications in 1944, but after several floods, was frustrated with the location and had it moved to McAdam & Salter.