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**Storm and River/Lake Report  
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- The storm which crossed Manitoba during the past few days produced significant rainfall over most areas of Manitoba. Additional rainfall of 20-40 mm is expected today in the Norway House and Thompson areas of northern Manitoba
- Most areas of Manitoba including northern Manitoba received 15-25 mm of rain during the past two days. This rain was welcome in most areas. Northern portions of the Red River Valley and eastern Manitoba again received the heaviest rain, similar to what occurred during the July 9 storm. Some areas in west Winnipeg and vicinity have received more than 100 mm of rain in a five day period which is quite excessive.
- The heaviest rain from yesterday's storm appears to have fallen in a band from Sperling to Sanford to Rosser and west Winnipeg where 45 to 70mm fell, mostly during a few hours in the evening. Many areas of the Whiteshell also received heavy rain with 70 mm reported at Falcon Lake in a few hours. Some overland flooding occurred in these areas of heavy rain and rivers will rise somewhat for the next few days. The Winnipeg River, Bloodvein River, Bird River and other streams in the area will rise briefly but will remain below levels experienced in recent weeks. Levels of controlled lakes in the Whiteshell will be reviewed later this week and dams will be operated as required to maintain desirable levels if possible.
- The Red River at James Avenue in Winnipeg rose briefly from 7 feet to 8 feet above datum last evening following the heavy rain but had declined to 7.7 feet by this morning and is expected to continue to slowly decline to the summer level of 6.4 feet by early next week. Minor fluctuations may occur while St. Andrews Dam at Lockport is adjusted back to normal summer conditions during the next 10 days.
- Rainfall in the Interlake was relatively light and will have little effect on streams and lakes in that region. Many small lakes are still at record high levels and are flooding lands on their perimeter.

- Flows in the Red River, Souris River, Pembina River and Roseau River are still well above average but will not rise noticeably due to recent rainfall. Assiniboine River flows will continue to be near normal for the next few weeks.
- Significant rainfall over Lake Winnipeg and its eastern tributaries from this latest storm will cause the level to remain near 715.5 feet for another week or two even with favourable weather.