



**Forecasting and Flood Response Coordination
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Flood Report for Manitoba

May 18, 2009

- Levels of the Red River declined about three quarters of a foot between Emerson and the Floodway Inlet during the 24 hour period ending this morning. Levels declined about 0.7 feet from Lockport to Breezy Point.
- The river level in downtown Winnipeg declined one third of a foot to 16.40 feet. The level will be between 16 and 17 feet for the rest of this week as the floodway gates at St. Norbert continue to be lowered and as flows on the Assiniboine River are increased at Portage la Prairie. The water level upstream of the Floodway Inlet was 757.0 feet and the flow in the Red River Floodway was 12,030 cfs at 9 a.m. this morning.
- The Portage Diversion continues to be used to prevent excessive levels in the City of Winnipeg. The Diversion flow this morning was 5580 cfs while the river flow at Southport was 1500 cfs. Flows down the Assiniboine River toward Winnipeg will be gradually increased starting tomorrow. The increase is being delayed due to the possibility of a thundershower over the City of Winnipeg on Wednesday morning. It takes two days for effects of a change at Portage la Prairie to arrive at Winnipeg.
- The water level of Shellmouth Reservoir rose 0.2 feet due to a north wind and was at 1404.25 feet this morning. The reservoir is expected to rise to 1404.5 feet as a result of last Friday's heavy snowfall. The outflow was increased to 1200 cfs on May 15.
- Some showers are expected Tuesday night to Wednesday with a possibility of a thundershower. Little or no precipitation expected from Thursday to Saturday.

The Floodsheets may be viewed at the link:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/floodinfo/floodsheet.html>

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