

FIVE BELOW ZERO WAS RECORDED THIS MORNING

Season's Coldest Spell During Last Night—Snowstorm Today Moderated Temperature.

The first zero weather of the season struck the capital last night and this morning, bringing with it cold and discomfort to citizens. A mark of five below zero was recorded at the Experimental Station this morning, while in the city, it was 6 below zero at five o'clock this morning.

The cold weather was accompanied last night by a cold wind, which died away in the late hours of this morning. A thick snowfall which began this afternoon moderated the temperature considerably.

The cold spell saw the first falling of the thermometer below the zero mark this winter to date. Previously it has been as low as 8 above zero, but no lower.

Despite the undoubted warmth of the season and late freezing, the winter looks to now be in for some cold December days and nights. There has been a snowfall of four inches several days ago, and today's. Total snowfall to date, has been almost eight inches. City employees have been busy clearing away the snow on roads and sidewalks for the past two days.

CITY AFFAIRS

In City Today  
H. H. McLellan, of Saint John, Provincial Chief Fire Marshal was a visitor to the capital today. Mr. McLellan is registered at the Barker House. He is here on official business.

A Son Born  
A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Webster, city, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Webster, who is a member of the Fredericton Capital hockey team, arrived here from Moncton last night a short time after the birth of his son.

Fillion in Hospital  
George Fillion, defense player of the Capital hockey team, was admitted to the Victoria Hospital here a few days ago, for injuries received to his eye some time ago, was permitted out today, his injuries have been treated, and improvement shown in his condition.

Reports Business Good  
Moncton Times:—Mr. W. R. Clark, of Edmundston, well known representative of the Fraser Companies Limited, was in the city yesterday on a business trip. Mr. Clark reports business good and further stated that the Fraser Companies are cutting some fifty million feet of lumber this winter.

The Ottawa Vacancy  
An Ottawa despatch says that the name of Mr. Justice Baxter of the New Brunswick Appeal Court is being mentioned in connection with the vacant seat on the Supreme Court bench of Canada caused by the death of Mr. Justice Newcombe. While in this city last week Mr. Justice Baxter stated that he would not accept the appointment of it were offered to him.

Death of Young Man  
The many friends here were greatly shocked to learn of the death of Wallace Niles, local young man, at the Saint John Hospital last evening, following an illness of several weeks there. Mr. Niles had been ill for some time previous to his being taken to Saint John, and his condition gradually grew worse until he passed away last night. Deceased was the son of the late Harry Niles, well known capital man, who passed away here last December. He was very well known, a youth of many outstanding good qualities, and his passing at so young an age, he was 23, will be learned with sincere regret. The remains will be brought here tonight and the funeral will be held Friday from the late home in King street. Surviving are several brothers and sisters as well as the mother. Deceased had many friends in this city who will greatly regret his untimely passing.

PREMIER PAYS A TRIBUTE TO LATE CHAS. E. NEILL

Deceased Had Earned Respect of Leaders in Financial and Industrial Life of Dominion.

Hon. C. D. Richards, premier of the province of New Brunswick this morning paid the following tribute to the late Charles E. Neill, vice-president and managing director of the Royal Bank of Canada, who died at five o'clock this morning in Montreal: "In the death of Mr. Charles E. Neill, Vice-President and Managing Director of The Royal Bank of Canada, the Province of New Brunswick loses one of its most distinguished sons and the Dominion of Canada one of its most valued financial leaders. Born in the city of Fredericton, Mr. Neill began his career as a junior in a bank in this city. He had an extensive and varied experience, and by reason of his own ability, industry and integrity he became, comparatively early in life, the General-Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, one of the largest banking institutions, not only in Canada, but throughout the world. In this position he earned and retained the confidence and respect of the leaders in the financial and industrial life of the country.

"Great as were Mr. Neill's interests in the financial and industrial world he always retained his association and his intimate connections with his native province. His advice and his assistance were frequently sought from this province and they were always freely and generously given. Reference may be made to his interest in the University of New Brunswick. While not a student or graduate of this institution he was intensely concerned with its affairs and assisted by generous contributions in the promotion of its various activities. This community and this province have lost a tried and true friend, whose constant and kindly interest in all that pertained to the welfare of his native province was ever manifest. Mr. Neill will long be remembered, by the many who knew his kindly disposition and who experienced the value of his counsel and his advice."

The Beaver Society  
Letters patent have been issued incorporating Rev. Arthur Winslow Currie, of the Parish of Cardwell, Rev. Henry Mahon and Hazen C. Taylor, of Saint John, as the Beaver Society of New Brunswick. The object is to carry on in New Brunswick the operation of the Invisible Empire Knights and Ladies of the Ku Klux Klan and a stimulate interest in charitable, educational, temperance and other duties. There is no capital stock but the company may accumulate property to the value of \$4,900. Saint John is to be the head office.

GOVERNMENT TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING HERE

Appointments re Police Commissioner, and of Sheriff of York Expected to be Up Tonight.

At a special pre-Yuletide meeting of the Provincial Cabinet here to night, it is expected that appointments will be made in respect to vacancies which exist in the province due to resignation of Brig. General F. W. Hill, Provincial Police Commissioner, and the death of Sheriff J. B. Hawthorne, high sheriff of York County, as well as other lesser office vacancies. It had been originally planned that the government would not again meet till after Christmas.

Though the nature of tonight's meeting of the Cabinet has not been revealed, it is anticipated that financial matters with respect to New Brunswick's unemployment will be considered, as well as the above mentioned appointments.

Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, Minister of Lands and Mines was in the capital yesterday on departmental business. While here he conferred with officials of the game department with respect to reorganization of that department. The reorganization is now underway but Mr. Tilley stated, that nothing would be made public for some time.

LIBERAL GATHERING HERE YESTERDAY NOT A HAPPY ONE

A meeting of Liberals from different sections of the province was concluded at five o'clock yesterday afternoon and the visiting delegates returned home by the evening train. The gathering was fairly well attended but it was not a happy family by any means. Several of the delegates related hard luck stories, and seemed envious of the big fellows who got under cover before the storm. A scheme to raise funds for organization purposes created no enthusiasm, and nobody seemed anxious to start the ball rolling. Those in attendance included Mayor Clark J. J. F. Winslow K.C., J. B. McNair and C. R. Hawkins, of this city, Hon. P. J. Veniot, Bathurst, Senator Foster, T. E. O'Leary, E. J. Hanebury, W. E. Scully and W. H. McQuade, Saint John; Hon. D. W. Mersereau of Fredericton Junction, Senator Copp of Sackville and A. T. LeBlanc of Shediac.

High Exchange Rate  
The American exchange rate in Canadian funds has reached twenty two per cent, which is higher than prevailed during the Great War. Local banks now charge twenty five per cent. for American funds. The high exchange is a serious matter for the provincial government, which has obligations to meet in New York early in the new year.

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