

APRIL COMES IN STORMY AFTER COLD MARCH

Statistics Show That Past Month Had Low Temperature — Lowest Temperature Was 21 Below Zero.

Any impression that spring weather was at hand because of the mild weather of the past day or two vanished today when April entered with a violent snowstorm and gale. The impression that the opening of navigation in 1926 will be delayed later than usual has been strengthened. A year ago the Saint John River was open and steamers from Saint John were awaited but this season the opening will be late in April.

Statistics for March.

The statistics for March as furnished by Br. C. C. Jones who is in charge of the Dominion Meteorological station here show that the month was colder than the average March with much lower precipitation and higher wind.

The monthly weather statistics are as follows:—Mean temperature 21 above; mean temperature for March 1925, 31 above; average mean temperature for fifty-two years, 26 above.

Highest temperature, 51 above on the 22nd, in March 1925, 61 on the 28th.

Lowest temperature, 21 below on 15th; in March 1925, 11 below on the 16th.

Rainfall .61 inches, snowfall 12.5 inches, total precipitation 1.86.

Total precipitation for March 1925, 3.78 inches; average total precipitation 3.9 inches.

Hours of bright sunshine 145 in March 1925, 127; average 154.

Total wind mileage 6,659; in March, 1925, 5,519.

Late Spring, Good Crops.

Those who claim to be versed in weatherlore claim that a late spring, if the snow stays on the ground late, will be followed by good crops particularly of hay and small fruits, as the snow protects against freezing in the late spring. Hauling also will be carried on later than usual. On the other hand it is probable that motor vehicles will get on the highways at a date some time later than ordinarily.

City Affairs

No Mail Tomorrow.

Tomorrow being Good Friday and a public holiday the Daily Mail will not be published.

Easter Holidays.

The government offices and banks will be closed tomorrow and Monday, but will be open until noon on Saturday.

The Fishing Season

The open season for speckled trout begins in New Brunswick today. One of the best places for early fishing is at Harvey Lake, where some big ones are usually taken during the month of April.

Goes to Quebec

K. C. Cairns, assistant electric engineer of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, at Saint John, is severing his connection with that body and will leave Friday evening for Arvida, Quebec, where he has secured a position with the Canadian Aluminium Company, which is making quite a large power development at that place. Mr. Cairns is well known here. He was graduated by the University of New Brunswick in 1922 as B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering.

A Veteran Ex-M. P. P.

Among the visitors to the city yesterday was Mr. Isaac W. Carpenter ex-M. P. P. of Wickham, Queen's County. In the afternoon he visited the Legislature and occupied a seat on the floor of the House. Mr. Carpenter was for many years the colleague of the late Hon. L. P. Farris and retired from public life in 1908. There have been many changes since that time and Mr. Carpenter was only able to find one member of the present House, who sat with him during the session of 1907, and that was Hon. B. F. Smith of Carleton. Among the officials he was only able to find three familiar faces those of Sergeant at arms Rutter, Clerk Bidlake and Messenger Biggs.

PREMIER SPOKE BEFORE K. OF P. GATHERING

Hon. L. P. D. Tilley Among Those Who Received the Rank of Knight—Occasion Was Most Enjoyable.

Yesterday was a red letter day for the order of the Knights of Pythias in Fredericton as Lodge No. 6 were the hosts to the representatives of the four Saint John lodges who arrived here about sixty-five strong in a special car attached to the regular St. John train. The Knights were accompanied by Grand Chancellor Capt. J. Arnold Mowrey, who was paying an official visit to Fredericton Lodge. There was an unusually large number of the Fredericton Knights present with a delegation from Marysville Lodge No. 18, over two hundred gathered in the Salvage Corps rooms.

Premier Was There.

The gathering was honored by the presence of Premier Baxter who is a member of Carleton Tower Lodge No. 37 of West Saint John. Besides the Premier several members of the House of Assembly were also present including P. G. C. Jas. S. Lord, Fred C. Squires, E. C. Atkinson and Hon. L. P. D. Tilley who was advanced to the rank of Knight with five other candidates.

Rank Exemplification.

The work of exemplifying the rank was done by a well selected degree team representing the St. John lodges. It was very impressive and well carried out, the floor work being unusually good and being commented upon by all the speakers who made excellent addresses after the degree work had been finished. Some splendid speeches were made by Grand Chancellor Mowrey, Grand K. of E. Kinnear, Past Grand Chancellors Stillwell, J. S. Lord and R. B. Wallace as well as the newly made Knights including Hon. Mr. Tilley. Hon. Mr. Baxter made a very witty, practical and profitable address. It was the first time that Fredericton Lodge ever had the honor of entertaining a Premier of New Brunswick as a member of the noble order of Knights of Pythias.

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OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL WILL BE ESTABLISHED

School Board to Have a Special Department for Retarded Pupils—Leave for Miss Gladys Gregory.

The Fredericton School Board at the regular March meeting on Wednesday decided to establish an opportunity school for pupils who are much retarded. Steps will be taken to secure a teacher for the department and a special course of study will be given to that teacher in order to qualify for the duties of the department.

The Secretary's report showed that the attendance had been affected to some extent by illness among the pupils, but conditions were improving.

The number of departments inspected during the month was twenty-nine and the number of teachers' meetings two. Despite the drawbacks under which so many departments have operated, the work of the year is well advanced.

Report of Nurse.

The monthly report of the School Nurse, for February, showed that the number of class-rooms visited was seventeen, the number of children seen during the month five hundred, the number of follow-up visits in homes thirty.

To Study in Paris.

Miss Gladys Gregory was given a year's leave of absence, beginning July first. It is Miss Gregory's intention to spend the year in Paris, where she will specialize in the study of the French language.

Applications for position on the teaching staff were received from Miss Marion E. Cox, Miss Jennie MacNeill, Miss K. Louise MacNeill and J. Gordon Manzer.

Trustees present at the meeting were Dr. VanWart, Mr. Douglass, Mr. Hughes, Mr. VanDine and Mrs. Clark.

A Boom Edition.

The boom edition of the St. John Globe issued yesterday is a highly creditable number. It consists of 48 pages besides a four page illustrated supplement. The attractions of all sections of the province are admirably set forth in specially written articles appearing in this issue.

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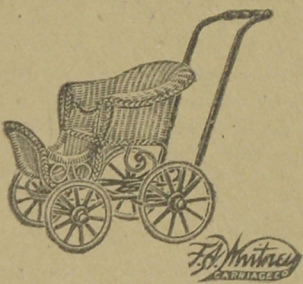
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