

CITY IN GRIP
OF ZERO WEATHER
LAST NIGHT

The Mercury Registered Fifteen Degrees Below Zero — Piercing Wind Made Matters a Great Deal Worse.

Citizens of the capital city experienced one of the coldest nights of the present winter season last night when the mercury dropped to fifteen degrees below zero early in the evening and stayed there practically all through the night. Even this morning at eight o'clock the thermometer showed no change and still hovered around fifteen below that "dreaded point on the thermometer." Indeed in some places outside the city it was reported to be more than twenty degrees below. A citizen of Burt's Corner claimed that the mercury went down to 24 degrees below. In other places this temperature was probably equalled.

The cold streak of the last couple of days came as an abrupt reversal to the previous two week's springlike weather and just as everyone was beginning to think of Easter weather conditions, along comes the bitter north-west wind and blows all those illusions rudely away, leaving the city in the grip of the coldest spell of the year. Up until Saturday the weather was ideal. The thermometer had not been down even to a minimum of 25 degrees but a change occurred late Saturday night and on Sunday the mercury was down to a minimum of four degrees. Monday proved a cold day, but yesterday was the beginning of the cold snap and aided by a blustery, piercing wind which made outdoor activity considerably inconvenient, the snap continued into last night and today.

The forecasts are for warmer weather for the next few days, with snowfall predicted for the latter part of the week. There is just a bare possibility that winter is not over yet, and the likelihood is that we will have plenty more days like the present one before it lets up for good.

CITY AFFAIRS

Removed from Office.

Mr. Aaron A. Lawson, clerk of the peace for Madawaska County has been retired on account of ill health.

Ash Wednesday.

Today is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Large congregations were present at both masses at St. Dunstan's Church this morning.

To Solemnize Marriage.

Rev. J. D. Spiddell of St. John, United Baptist and Rev. Paul L. Richardson of Lubec, Christian church, have been registered to solemnize marriage, the latter temporarily.

For Members Wives.

Mrs. W. F. Todd, wife of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will hold a reception for the wives of members and their friends in the Corporation Committee room of the legislative building on Friday from four to six o'clock. The reception will be informal.

To Hold Examinations.

A board of officers composed of Lt.-Col. T. E. Powers, Major Adam Cameron and Capt. Percy Flynn will assemble at the armory here on Friday and Saturday to conduct the examination of candidates from the U. N. B. contingent of the C. O. T. C.

Our Growing Wealth.

In the course of a discussion on the wealthy people of Fredericton the other day it was said that one citizen was worth five million dollars, another two million, four more were in the million dollar class, and ten men and one woman were worth a half million each. It might be added that Fredericton's rich are not of the idle rich sort.

LEGISLATIVE
SESSION BEGINS
ON THURSDAY

All in Readiness Now for the Opening Ceremony — The Military Features Will be Quite Up to the Standard.

LEGISLATURE The third session of the ninth Legislative Assembly will be officially opened by His Honour Lieutenant Governor W. F. Todd at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon with the usual pomp and ceremony. The military guard of honor will be furnished by the U. N. B. contingent of the Officers Training Corps and will be under the command of Major Adam Cameron. The guard will muster at the armory at 2.30 o'clock, and will be played to Parliament Square by the York Regiment Band. The Lieutenant Governor on arrival will be received with a general salute.

Artillery on Job

The salute of fifteen guns will be fired by a detachment from the 90th Battery of this city and the 89th of Woodstock. The detachment will be under the command of Lieut. A. B. Belyea and will consist of two sergeants, one corporal and 8 gunners. Officers of the headquarters staff of military district No. 7, and officers of the active and reserve militia will furnish an escort for the Lieutenant Governor during the opening ceremony in the Assembly Chamber.

To Open with Prayers

The House will meet at three o'clock and will open with prayers by the Chaplain, Rev. A. F. Bate. Immediately afterwards the speaker will give way to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor who will read the speech from the throne. So far as can be learned the speech is not likely to be a lengthy one and will not forecast legislation likely to prolong the session.

Mr. H. Colby Smith of St. John county, and Mr. J. Arthur Moore of Queens will move and second the address in reply to the speech from the throne, after which Mr. A. A. Dysart, the opposition leader will move the adjournment of the debate. A few formal motions will follow after which the House will adjourn until Friday.

In the evening beginning at nine o'clock, the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Todd will hold a reception in the (Continued on page five)

MR. H. A. SLIPP
AGAIN HEADS
FRUIT GROWERS

Business of the Annual Meeting Concluded — Interesting Addresses and Discussions During the Afternoon.

The Twenty-Third annual meeting of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association held its final session yesterday afternoon in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at the conclusion of which an election of officers for the coming season took place and the reports of the various committees were read. The Association had in 1927 the most successful season of its founding according to figures given out by Mr. A. G. Turney, secretary-treasurer. In his report yesterday morning, he stated that the past year was the most successful in point of growth in membership, the amount of supplies and orders handled and as regards finance. An increase of forty-one members was brought to the notice of the assembled delegates. Mr. Turney also stated that an increase of more than \$3,000 was made in the assets.

The afternoon session which opened at about two o'clock resulted in the election of officers and reading of reports as well as splendid addresses by various members of the organization. George P. Walker of this city, on the Dominion Entomological Branch gave an address on "Sprays for New Brunswick Apple Orchards."

W. W. Hubbard of Burton also addresses the gathering taking as his subject, the "Harvesting, Packing and Grading of Apples".

A. G. Turney, the secretary read the paper by Dr. S. C. Lipsett dealing with "Apple Warehouse Temperature Control". Later in the afternoon discussion was prevalent on the packing equipment for the apples. At the conclusion of the work, reports of the Resolutions Committees were read. The association passed a resolution to the effect that the Federal authorities be asked to take no steps in changing the clause in regard to dumping which is in favor of the Canadian Fruit growers. (Continued on page 5)

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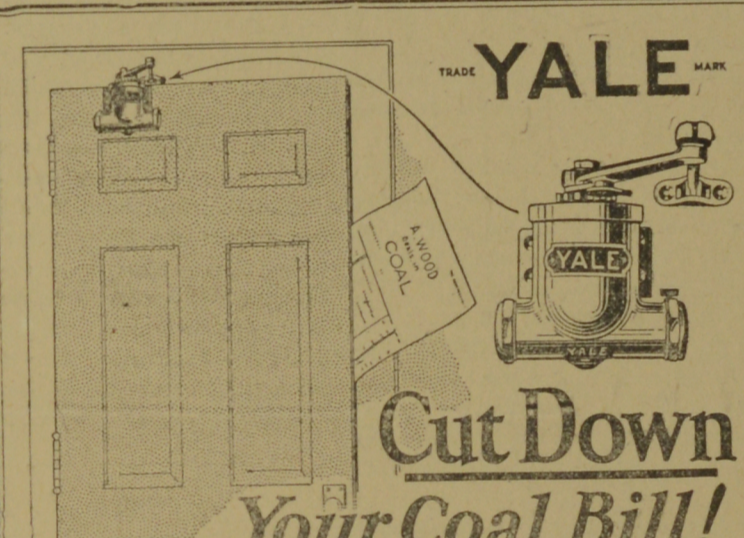
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