

MAPLE SUGAR SEASON IN THE OFFING IN N. B.

Weather Considered too Cold Yet For Flow of Sap, However

Nights Too Cold

Marvin L. Dunphy Says Season Starts in Two Weeks

While the maple sugar season will not get underway for at least two weeks, Marvin L. Dunphy of Royal Road, stated today that he expected the season to be a good one. The nights for the past week and more have been too cold and it will take at least two more weeks before the sap is running under the usual conditions of cool evenings and hot sunny days.

At the present time the snow is too deep in the woods for the maple sugar farmers to begin tapping the maple trees. But this is expected to be evaporated under the existing conditions of warmer weather. Mr. Dunphy believes that the maple products and their by-products will have a reasonably good market this year.

Reports from Quebec are that that province will have another banner year with a good market. Quebec consumes its own produce usually, and New Brunswick also has been selling the bulk of its produce to its own consumers. Export of this spring delectable is done on a very small basis.

NEWS BRIEFS

VISITS CAPITAL

Clint Gammon, former Fredericton hockey player, who has many friends in this city, is a visitor here and is being warmly greeted by old acquaintances. Gammon was out of hockey this winter.

IN OTTAWA THIS WEEK

C. H. Godwin, of this city, district seed inspector has left for Ottawa, where he will attend a conference of federal seed inspectors in conjunction with certified seed potato problems. It is the first first such conference to be held in five years.

PRESENTED WITH MEDALS

R. C. M. P. officers who were presented on Saturday with medals for long and meritorious service with that organization were Superintendent E. C. P. Salt, Inspector F. A. Blake, Inspector A. Drysdale, Staff Sergeant F. W. Allen and Sergeant J. D. O'Connell.

GOVERNOR AT CHURCH

Hon. Dr. Murray MacLaren, lieutenant-governor of the province, was at the morning service of Wilnot United Church on Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. MacLaren and their daughter, Miss Margaret. Major T. C. Barker, official secretary, and Major W. Gordon Jones attended the lieutenant-governor. Rev. J. W. Bartlett preached the sermon.

AT ST. DUNSTAN'S

The Forty Hours' Devotion exercises at St. Dunstan's church opened on Sunday morning and were continued today. These services will be concluded on Tuesday evening. Visiting priests assisting in the special services included Rev. Father Kelley, of Saint John; Rev. Father Gillis, Devon; Rev. Joseph Daley, "The Range." Large numbers approached the communion table today and on Sunday. On Sunday evening a special sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Kelley, C. S. S. R.

ROOF CAVED IN

The roof in the rear part of the building formerly occupied by Frank J. Flanagan, tinsmith, and next the fire station, caved in over the week-end from the weight of snow. No serious damage was done and no one was injured. The weight of snow on a number of buildings, including private homes, is more than usual at the present time and not a few of the wisest citizens are getting busy with shovels and clearing away the snow before the snow falls through on their 1935 automobiles.

SIGNS OF THAW AS MIDDLE OF MARCH NEARS

Temperature of 40 Degrees Today Herald's Approach of Spring

Thaw Danger

Heavy Frost in Ground, Large Amount of Snow Causes Anxiety

The proverbial March lion was nowhere in sight over the deck-end and the thermometer soared upwards, reaching a high spot last evening of 40 degrees Fahrenheit. At noon today the temperature was 37 degrees. Such temperatures herald the rapid approach of spring. The weather changed sharply on Saturday from extreme cold to mild, and today it was almost sultry.

Today there was danger to pedestrians from snow and ice dropping from the buildings. So great is the weight of snow on the rooftops, as well as pendent masses of ice on the roof edges that there is great hazard in walking on the sidewalks.

However the chief worry to the city engineer and officials is the probability of a big spring thaw. The amount of snow in the city and in the woods is tremendous and in the city streets it is piled high. There is also heavy frost. This combination may cause serious freshet conditions in the latter spring, when the snow and ice is melted and the river water rises. At the present time there is likelihood of a serious freshet—one that may approximate that of 1930.

At one time in the city's history there was a serious freshet. That was many years ago. Houses were surrounded with water, cellars were flooded and the river level was so high that canoes were put into use. Old timers like to recall the occasion as one of great agitation among the citizens, who feared that their homes and belongings might be lost. A great many lost belongings at that and lives were endangered too. The loss in round figures to the city of Fredericton was a large one. Since that time there has been no approximation to that situation, but on several occasions the flood waters have reached a high mark.

MISSING FOR THIRTY YEARS

William John Hawkins, aged 61, who has been missing from his home in Douglas, York county, for about thirty years, is reported to be living somewhere in Western Canada, and may be located within a short time. A brother, Herman Hawkins, of Douglas, recently obtained a clue to his whereabouts, when a William John Hawkins made application recently to federal pensions officials in the West for a Canadian soldier's pension. Rumors had reached the relatives of the man that he had enlisted with the Canadian expeditionary force during the Great War and served in France. When only a young man, Hawkins had left the province for Bangor, Maine, and he lived there for a time with his sister, Mrs. Ida Staples.

LATE J. D. CHAPAIS

The funeral of the late James D. Chapais, who passed away at the Victoria Public Hospital on Saturday morning after a short illness, was held on Sunday, with service from the home of Miss Genevieve Carten, 36 Shore street at 2:30 o'clock, the ceremony being a private one, with Rev. Dr. Milligan officiating. The remains of the late Mr. Chapais were taken to St. Stephen by train where the body will lay in the vault in Calais until spring. Close friends and relatives were present at Sunday's service.

RELIEF CAMP EMPLOYEE DIED THIS MORNING

James Keen Ill with 'Flu Only Short Time, Died At Camp No. 1

Has Sister Here

Had Worked at Relief Camp For over a Year, Was Well Known

James Keen, aged 68, passed away this morning at Camp Hospital No. 1, of the Federal Relief Project in Sunbury county, after a brief illness with influenza. Deceased had been at the relief camps almost a year and became well liked and popular with his associates. It was the first death to occur at the relief camps.

Deceased is survived by four daughters, Mrs. William O'Donnell, Mary Irene and Katherine M., of this city, and Mrs. Chesley Glendenning, South Bathurst.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning from the home of his daughter, Mrs. William O'Donnell, 621 King street, leaving the home at 8:50 o'clock. High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's church at 9 o'clock by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Carney and interment will be made at The Hermitage.

The late Mr. Keen was born on the Gaspe Coast and for some years resided in the city.

Don't forget the Sale and Supper on Wed., March 13, at Wilnot Church.



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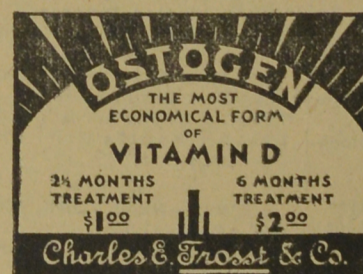
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