

JANUARY THAW HITS CENTRAL NEW BRUNSWICK

Variation of 56 Degrees
In Temperature Since
Saturday

Contrast With 1934

Melting Snow and Ice
Makes Walking Dan-
gerous

The province—the central part of it at least—was today in the midst of a January thaw with the mercury mounting to a point 38 degrees above zero. Last year there was no "January thaw" and the temperature on the corresponding date was in great contrast with today's.

Since Saturday morning the temperature has risen from 18 below zero to 38 degrees above—the rise being sudden and sharp. Citizens went to bed on Saturday night in the midst of winter and were awakened on Sunday morning by the gurgle of running water from the rooftops.

Several days of the present weather would mean that most of the winter's snow will be gone. The streets, especially the sidewalks have become very slippery and a danger to pedestrians. Falling snow from the roofs also is a menace to safety. Employees of the city were out early today spreading fine sand on the sidewalks in order to make walking more safe.

The present respite from winter will have its effect on those workers who are forced to do outside work. If it continued the work on the dormitory at the Dominion Experimental Station will be greatly facilitated. Work was speeded up today and the workers were busy on the exterior of the building. At the present time the building needs a roof, and also part of the side walls are not completed. Workmen are concentrating over the main entrance today and considerable progress was made. Several days of such temperature will see most of the exterior work of the building finished. Such is the case in other places where outside work is being carried on.

NEWS BRIEFS

FIREMEN BUSY

The firemen were called out over the week end to the residences of Mrs. M. Atkinson, University Avenue, and J. Stewart Neill, University Avenue, where chimney fires were in progress. No damage was done by either fire.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Fred Jordan, of this city, who pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting James Hughey, of this city, recently, was given suspended sentence when he appeared before Police Magistrate Walter Limerick today at noon.

COUNTY COUNCIL

The annual January session of the County Council will commence here tomorrow and last until Friday evening. Councillors from the various parishes are expected here tonight and early tomorrow to attend the sessions. Many matters of importance to the County are expected to be discussed.

SCHOOLS RE-OPENED

The public schools of the city reopened today after the Christmas holidays. Rupert D. Hanson, secretary of the Board of School Trustees, reported today that there was an unusual good attendance at all the schools, and that only one teacher was absent through illness. Favorable warm weather greeted the re-opening of the schools.

DEATH OF CHILD

The death occurred on Sunday afternoon of Shirley Irene Chase, 20-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Chase, of North Devon, after a short illness. Surviving besides the parents are one brother Theodore, and two sisters, Daisy and Doris, all at home. The funeral was held this afternoon from the late home at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. J. W. Bartlett conducting the service. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery. The sympathy of the community has been extended to the parents on the death of their child.

GLOUCESTER MAN SWUNG ON BOSS WITH AXE

Phillip Blanchard Made
Attack on Woods
Foreman

Fit of Temper

Robt. Phillips Had Face
Cut But Improved
Today

Charged with assault Phillip Blanchard, aged 40, of Inkerman, Gloucester county today faced trial before Magistrate Smith at Fredericton Junction. Blanchard was arrested late last week following an incident in the woods near Tracy in which it was alleged he swung at his boss, Robert Phillips, aged 61, with an ax and inflicted a wound in his face. It is reported that the assault followed a temper flare-up by Blanchard.

Phillips was reported to be showing improvement from the injury at his home in Tracy today, and his condition is not regarded as serious by physicians.

Blanchard who is French-Canadian by birth was lodged in the local police station over the week-end and was taken by auto to Fredericton Junction this morning by R.C.M.P. constables.

Police were uncertain today about the actual details of the alleged assault as the incident occurred in the woods and with only a few witnesses. Tangled reports were given to the police on the occurrence. It is understood that Blanchard was angered by some assignment that his boss had given him.

SPOKE AT SAINT JOHN

On Sunday at Saint John His Grace Archbishop Richardson of this city, delivered two sermons preaching at Trinity Church in the morning, and in the Stone Church in the evening. In the morning service His Grace expressed the conviction that the nations today must find the solution of their problems in adventuring into new paths. Sunday evening the Archbishop spoke on Epiphany Sunday his text being "He was Manifested to Take Away Sin."

UNDERWENT OPERATION

The many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. James Ahearn underwent an operation in the Chatham hospital today and her condition is causing her friends some alarm.

IS IMPROVING

Friends will be glad to learn that Miss Beatrice Booker who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis is progressing favorably towards recovery.

CONDITION IMPROVED

The many friends of Mrs. Barker, wife of Major T. C. Barker, will learn with pleasure that she is recovering from her recent illness.

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TWO CRIMINAL CASES ON YORK COUNTY DOCKET

Milton Stairs Accused
With Assault on Wife,
First Case on Slate

No Civil Cases

Leo Griffin, of McAdam,
Charged with Obstruct-
ing Officer

Two criminal cases are on the January docket of the York County court which opens here tomorrow afternoon with Judge A. R. Slipp presiding. It is understood that there are no civil cases on the present docket.

The first case is that of the King vs Milton Stairs, accused with assaulting his wife, Stairs chose trial by jury when he appeared before Magistrate Limerick at his preliminary hearing.

The second criminal case, that of the King vs Leo Griffin, of McAdam, is the aftermath of a smuggling act which occurred on the N. B.-Maine boundary line and in which two others were implicated at the time. Griffin will be charged with obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty. A fairly large jury list has been drawn up and the members summoned.

OPERATED UPON

Clarence Pearson, Charlotte St., resident, was operated upon at the Victoria Hospital on Saturday, and today his condition was reported to be fairly comfortable, the operation having been a success.

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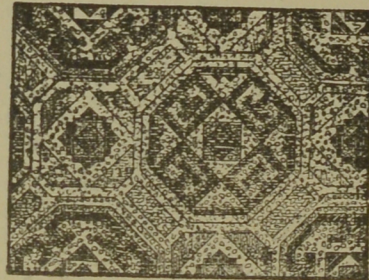
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