COLDEST WEATHER IN YEARS DESCENDED ON ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Toronto, Dec. 28.—With the temperature taking a plunge to fourteen beolw zero, which was reached in the early hours of Sunday morning, Toronto had one of the coldest December week-ends that she has experienced for some years. This was the temperature recorded at the Observatory, on Bloor Street, but in the more exposed parts of the city and suburbs much colder temperatures were experienced.

The cold wave was general throughout the province, and also over the bigger part of the Dominion. White River, of course, had to come into the picture, with 24 below, but, of the recorded temperatures, Doucet, Quebec, carried off the honors with 26 below. Parry Sound and Cochrane both had the same temperature as White River. At Ottawa it was 16 below, and at Montreal 12 below. Temperatures in Manitoba and Saskatchewan ranged from 10 to 24 below.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 27.—The first zero weather of this winter prevailed here to-day and yesterday. Early last evening the temperature started for the zero mark and during the night went to five below, according to the official readings. Thermometers in other parts of the city registered six below at eight o'clock this morning.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 27.—With the thermometer skidding to 21 below zero during the night, the lowest temperature experienced in this district in the last ten years, citizens were content to hug the fireside yesterday, and the attendance at the city churches was naturally very slim. According to an official reading made at the O. A. C., the mercury dropped to the 21-below mark about four o'clock, but there was a rise in temperature during the day. Telegraph service into Guelph was affected to a considerable extent owing to the cold snap, wires in some directions being put out of commission when poles snapped off owing to the heavy frost.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—After a mild Christmas citizens of Ottawa experienced below zero weather and a biting north wind over the week-end. Early this morning the thermometer registered 16½ degrees below zero, while on Saturday night the thermometer registered 12 below. Only few fires, caused by overheated stove pipes, were reported.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 27.—Montreal's first winter blizzard to-day thrust the temperature down to 13 degrees below zero and enveloped the city in swirling snow, borne on the wings of a 35-mile-an-hour gale.

The zero weather held throughout the day but towards evening the wind dropped slightly.

The high wind was responsible for several chimney fires and the firemen were kept busy answering alarms.

Many homeless persons were forced to take shelter in the various police stations owing to the frigid weather.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 27.—Speeding back to his Arctic haunts, old Father Christmas left with the populace of the Prairie Provinces a sample of the weather upon which he thrives in far-away toyland.

It is reported that Santa made his departure through Manitoba and across the icy stretches to the north, for this province to-day records the coldest weather on the montinent. At The Pas., Man., the mercury skidded down to nearly 30 degrees below zero, while in Winnipeg and many other points the lowest reached was 25 below.

The northern blasts brought about record dips of the season in Saskatchewan, Moose Jaw, Regina and Saskatoon experiencing around 15 below. In Alberta the temperatures were more moderate and with snow fairly general, no sub-zero weather is reported.

CANADIAN CARS GO TO FAR-AWAY COUNTRIES

Statistics Show Destination of Motors Exported from Dominion.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Canadian-made automobiles go to out-of-the-way spots. Between 50 and 60 different countries purchased Canadian cars in November, running all the way from Paraguay to Palestine, and round the world to Irak, the Dutch East Indies and Japan. Australia and New Zealand headed the list of purchasers of the Canadian automobile. Of the cheaper cars valued at $500 or less, Australia purchased 944 in November, and New Zealand 945. Of the more expensive cars, Australia bought 72 and New Zealand 267. In comparison, the United Kingdom purchased in November none of the cheaper Canadian cars, but 454 of the more expensive.

Of the total of 5,953 of the cheaper cars exported in November (compared with 4,463 in Ocober, and 3,288 in November, 1924), 10 went to the Gold Coast, five to Malta, seven to Fiji, 542 to the Straits Settlements, 24 to Nigeria, three to the British Sudan, four to the Belgian Congo, four to the French West Indies, two to Irak, 26 to Egypt, 502 to Argentina, 820 to the Dutch East Indies, 17 to Siam, and two to Portuguese Africa.

King and Royal Family Spent Quiet Christmas

A despatch from London says:—King George, Queen Mary, and the Duke and Duchess of York left on Dec. 22nd for Sandringham to spent the Christmas season at York Cottage. The Prince of Wales and Prince Henry, who had been hunting with the Whaddon Chase hounds, near Leighton Buzzard, joined the family that evening. The festivities this year were much quieter than usual owing to the recent death of Queen Mother Alexandra, and there was another gap in the family circle because of the absence of Prince George, who is on naval duty in Chinese waters.

OFFER OF PEACE ACCEPTED BY DRUSES

Reported Armistice Signed With Commissioner Jouvenel.

London, Dec. 27.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Bagdad gives a report brought by a convoy from Syria that the chiefs of the Druse tribesmen in Syria have accepted peace proposals offered by the French authorities.

An armistice was reported to have been signed several days ago between the Druse tribesmen and the new French High Commissioner in Syria, Henry Jouvenel.

This report came from Cairo, Egypt. The French Foreign Office admitted that negotiations looking to peace were going on in Syria, but that no final signature had yet been fixed. It was admitted, however, that the signing of an armistice at any minute would not surprise the Foreign Office.

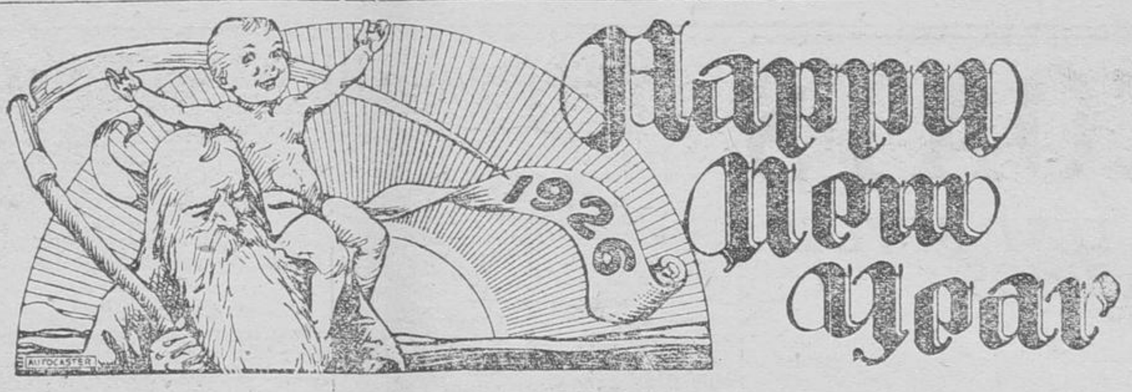
No Ice Bridge Yet at Niagara and May Not be Any

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 27.—While the winter scenery here is beautiful, there is no sign of an ice bridge. The bridge may be late in forming, and there is a possibility that there will not be any.

Elimination of the cross current in the river near the Upper Arch Bridge caused by the flow from the Niagara Power Company's old tunnel, which is not in use now, is the reason that the bridge may not form. This current held the ice below the cataracts forming the bridges in former years.

Turkey and Russia Sign Neutrality Agreement.

A despatch from Constantinople says:—The Exchange Telegraph says Ishmet Pasha, the Turkish Premier, announces the signing in Paris on December 17 of a new agreement between Turkey and Russia, pledging mutual neutrality if either country is attacked. Foreign Minister Tchitcherin signed for the Soviet Government.



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PAPER EXPORTATION INCREASED IN 1925

Pulp and Pulpwood Also Show Substantial Increase.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The pulp and paper exportation from Canada has steadily increased during the past year. Wood pulp, pulp wood and manufactured paper all show increases in the bulletin issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Of wood pulp, 18,000,000 tons valued at over $47,000,000 were exported within the 12 months ended last November, while in the 12 months preceding, 15,000,000 tons valued at $40,000,000 were sent out.

The wood pulp figures indicate similar gains. In the year ended November, 1,421,000 cords left Canada valued at $14,119,000, and in the some period in 1924, 1,314,000 cords were exported valued at $13,500,000.

The total export figures for paper and paper products show a slight drop in October and November this year, but a substantial increase for the 12-month period. The paper exports for November, 1925, were valued at $9,369,103; for October, 1924, $7,704,347. For the 12 months ended November, 1925, the value of the trade was $105,445,814, and for the same period in 1924, $97,731,195.

Lightning Causes $1,000,000 Fire Loss at Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Dec. 27.—Lightning during a violent storm this afternoon set on fire three tanks of the Anglo-Meixcan Petroleum Company, situated on the waterfront five miles south of Buenos Aires. The tanks contained 2,400,000 litres of petroleum (about 600,000 gallons).

Tugs were dispatched to remove tank vessels moored nearby. The fire raged for hours, and the loss is estimated at more than $1,000,000.

WORK ON SMELTER TO BEGIN IN SPRING

Final Agreement Reached Between Noranda Mines and Quebec Government.

A despatch from Quebec says:—At the close of a lengthy conference, in the course of which all the details remaining to permit the Noranda Mines, Ltd., to go ahead with its plans in the Quebec Northwestern gold fields were amicably settled, Hon. Mr. Perault, Minister of Mines, and his colleagues, Hon. Honore Mercier, Minister of Lands and Forests, as well as the mining interests concerned, expressed their entire satisfaction at the results attained.

J. Y. Murdock, K.C., President of the Noranda Mines, Ltd., who, with H. Chadbourne, Managing Director, conferred with Government, stated: "We expect work on the smelting plant to be erected in Rouyn Township to start early next spring, and part of the construction material will be forwarded in the course of the winter."

Servant for 98 Years in One Family

Pau, France, Dec. 27.—The palm for length of service goes to Nava Carlotte, who was born in Mexico in 1815, and died Friday at the village of Escout.

At the age of 110 years she was still serving as a domestic in the household of descendants of the family for which she originally worked. She entered the service of this family in Mexico in 1827, followed its members to France, and remained with them until her peaceful end on Christmas Day.

Of all the stimulants for the human mind, dissent is the most powerful and provocative.

BOUND BY THUGS WOMAN ALARMS POLICE

Manipulates Phone Dial With Tooth Pick Held in Mouth.

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 27.—Attacked while asleep at his home, 545 Fourth Avenue north, with a wedge-shaped weapon, presumably an ave, some time last evening, James E. Johnson, railway mail clerk, was found unconscious, bathed in blood, by the city police, summoned by the wife who, bound hand and foot, contrived to attract the attention of the long distance telephone operator by manipulating the dial with a tooth pick held between her teeth.

The woman, in a hysterical condition, was loosened from the towels and strips of linen with which she was bound.

Power Behind Kaiser in World War is Dead

A despatch from Berlin says:—Professor Rudolph von Valentini, chief of ex-Emperor William's Civil Cabinet, died recently at Hameln, Prussia, aged seventy-one.

Professor von Valentini was credited with exerting a powerful political influence over the former Kaiser. During the war it was said he was responsible for the fall of Count von Bethamann-Hollweg and the appointment of Dr. George Michaelis as Chancellor.

Princess Given Name Meaning "Bright Prosperity"

A despatch from Tokio says:—The imperial granddaughter born to Crown Princess Nagako last Sunday has been named Shigeko Terunomiya, "Bright Prosperity."

All Japan made holiday with parades and fetes in honor of "Naming Day."

THE MARKETS

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North., $1.64¼; No. 2 North., $1.60¼; No. 3 North., $1.57¼.

Man. oats, No. 2, CW, nominal; No. 3 51½c; No 1 feed, 49½c; No. 2 feed, 47½c.

Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, 89c.

Millfeed—Del., Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, $30.25 to $31.25; shorts, per ton, $32.25 to $33.25; middlings, $39.25 to $40.25; good feed flour, per bag, $2.30.

Ont. oats—42 to 45c, f.o.b. shipping points.

Ont. good milling wheat—$1.34 to $1.37, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Barley—Malting—65 to 67c.

Buckwheat—No. 3, 70c.

Rye—No. 2, 80c.

Man. flour—First pat., $9.30, Toronto; do, second pat., $8.80.

Ont. flour—Toronto, 90 per cent. pat., per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, $6.25; seaboard, in bulk, $6.25.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, $9 to $9.50.

Screenings—Standard, recleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, $20.

Cheese—New, large, 22 to 22½c; twins, 22½ to 23c; triplets, 24c; Stiltons, 25c. Old, large, 28c; twins, 29c; triplets, 30c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 47c; No. 1 creamery, 46c; No. 2, 44 to 45c. Dairy prints, 41 to 42c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 70c; fresh extras, loose, 68c; fresh firsts, 57c; storage extras, 46c; storage firsts, 42 to 43c; storage seconds, 34 to 35c.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 30c; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 24 to 28c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 22c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 30 to 32c; turkeys, 42 to 45c.

Beans, Can. handpicked, lb., 6c; primes, 5 to 5½c.

Maple produce—Syrup, per imp. gal., $2.40; per 5-gal. tin, $2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.

Honey—50-lb. tins, 11½ to 12c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 11½ to 12c; 5-lb. tins, 12 to 12½c; 2½-lb. tins, 14 to 14½c.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 26 to 28c; cooked hams, 40 to 42c; smoked rolls, 22c; cottage, 23 to 25c; breakfast bacon, 32 to 36c; special brand breakfast bacon, 38 to 39c; backs, boneless, 30 to 37c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., $22; 70 to 90 lbs., $20.50; 20 lbs. and up, $19.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, $43.50; heavyweight rolls, $39.50 per barrel.

Lard—Pure tierces, 18 to 18½c; tubs, 18½ to 19c; pails, 19 to 19½c; prints, 20 to 20½c; shortening tierces, 13½c; tubs, 14c; pails, 14½c; blocks, 15 to 15½c.

Heavy steers, choice, $8 to $8.75; do, good, $7.75 to $8; butcher steers, choice, $7 to $7.85; do, good, $6 to $6.50; do, med., $4.75 to $5.50; do, com., $4 to $5; butcher heifers, choice, $6.75 to $7.50; do, good, $5.75 to $6.25; do, med., $4.50 to $5; do, com., $3.75 to $4.50; butcher cows, choice, $5 to $5.25; do, fair to good, $4 to $4.50; butcher bulls, good, $4.50 to $5.75; bologuas, $3.25 to $3.50; canners and cutters, $2.25 to $3; springers, choice, $90 to $110; good milch cows, $75 to $85; medium cows, $45 to $60; feeders, good, $5.75 to $6.50; do, fair, $4.50 to $5; stockers, good, $4.75 to $5.50; do, fair, $4 to $4.50; calves, choice, $12.50 to $13.50; do, good., $10 to $11.50; do, grassers, $4 to $5; good light sheep, $6.50 to $7.50; heavies and bucks, $4.50 to $5.50; good lambs, $13 to $13.50; do, med., $12.50 to $13.50; do, bucks, $10 to $11; do, culls, $11 to $12; hogs, thick smooths, fed and watered, $13.35; do, f.o.b., $12.75; do, country points, $12.50; do, off cars, $13.75; select premium, $2.62.

MONTREAL.

Oats, No. 2 CW, 63c; No. 3 CW, 59c; extra No. 1 feed, 56c. Flour, Man. spring wheat pats., firsts, $8.90; seconds, $8.40; strong bakers', $8 to $8.20; winter pats., choice, $7.20. Rolled oats, bag 90 lbs., $3.40 to $3.50. Bran, $30.25 to $31.25; Shorts, $32.25 to $33.25; Middlings, $39.25 to $40.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, $14.50 to $15.

Butter, No. 1 pasteurized, 41½ to 42c; No. 1 creamery, 40 to 41c. Eggs, storage extras, 46c; storage firsts, 41c; storage seconds, 36c; fresh extras, 75c; fresh firsts, 65c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, $2.40 to $2.50.

Cows, cutter and canner quality, $2.25 to $3.25; calves, mixed lots, med. and com., $10 to $11.50; grassers, $5; lambs, mixed lots, fair quality, $11; hogs, selects, $14; do, com. and med., $13.25 to $13.50; sows, $11 to $11.50.

"When I was young I used to think that it was thunder that killed men," said a shrewd preacher; "but, as I grew older I found it was lightning. So I resolved to thunder less and lighten more."

MUTT AND JEFF—By Bud Fisher.

At That, Spivis Made a Close Guess.