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Keepin' cool on Canada Day

Phew! York Region swelters in heat

High temperatures expected to continue

BY JEFF MITCHELL
Staff Writer

Ever imagine you'd be sitting somewhere in the shade come July, pining for a bit of wind chill? York Region residents can be forgiven for coveting a bit of cool weather, given the wave of heat and humidity that has enveloped the area for nearly a week.

Temperatures soared into the mid-30s and with humidity added, it felt like 40 degrees and beyond.

No need for a translation into Imperial standards of measure; it's hot, sticky and downright miserable. And while there might be a bit of a break with precipitation anticipated Wednesday night, we can expect to bear the full brunt of summer for some time to come, according to Environment Canada.

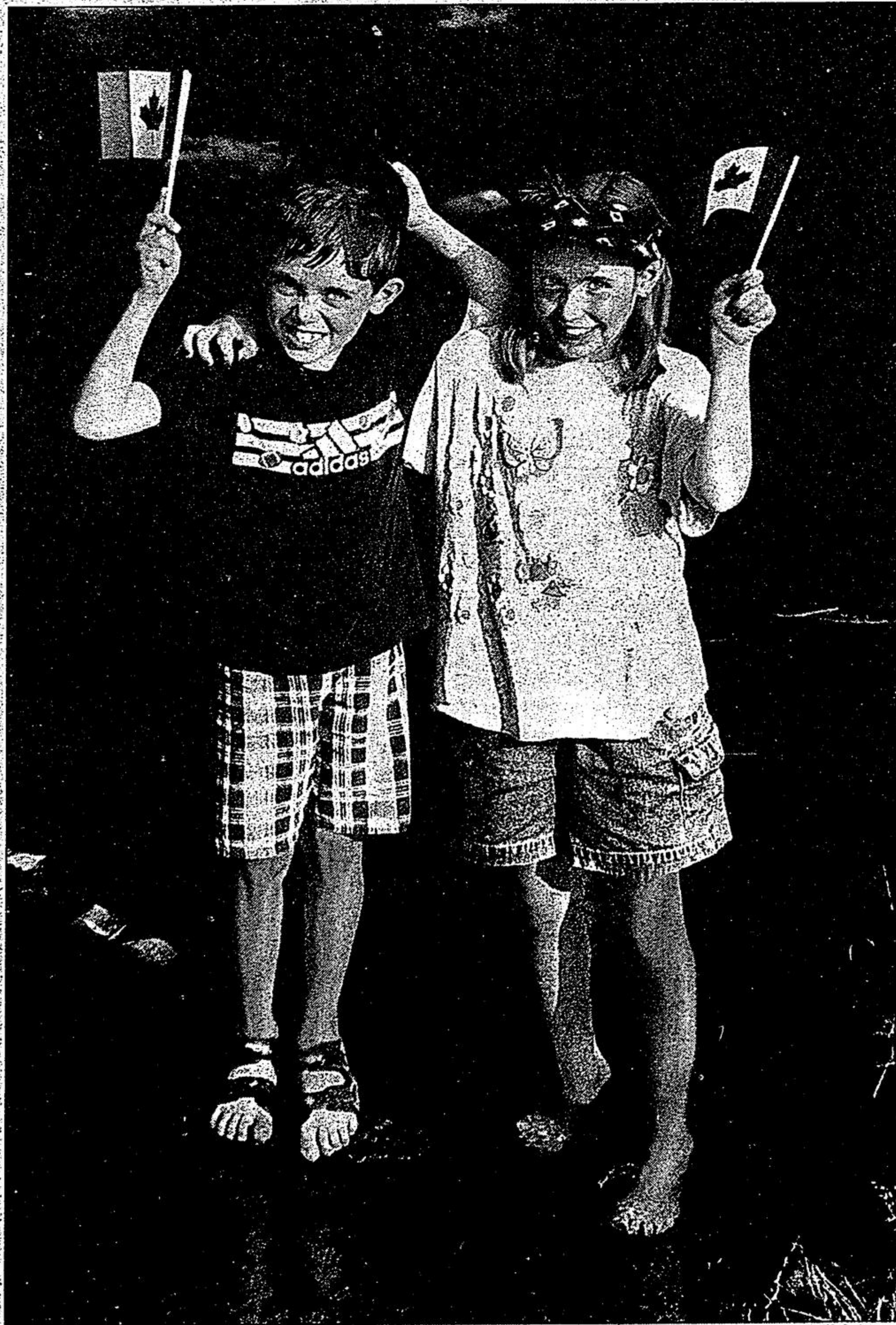
A huge swath of Ontario and Quebec has been caught in the grip of an upper ridge system, said Francois Choquet, a spokesperson for the federal agency.

"It started last week and formed over central Canada, in Saskatchewan and Alberta and it moved slowly eastward," Mr. Choquet said.

"Basically what you get with that is hot and dry conditions, keeping the storm track to the north."

The back end of the system

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Siblings Patrick (7) and Erin (9) Shanahan managed to find a spot to keep cool during the sweltering heat of Stouffville's Canada Day festivities Monday. The celebrations were held as part of the town's annual Strawberry Festival, and featured a family picnic and Canada Day cakes (both at Franklin Park Marquee) and traditional fireworks at Memorial Park.

Deficit budget coming: board

Funding formula must change, say Catholic trustees

BY MITCHELL BROWN
Staff Writer

York Catholic trustees voted Tuesday night to submit a balanced budget to the Education ministry, but they made it clear they weren't happy about it.

"What we're saying to the province is, 'Don't take this and think we're pleased and everything's OK,'" board treasurer John Sabo said.

"Clearly, we're submitting this (balanced budget), but our real concerns will not go away."

In fact, the York Catholic District School Board is sending the province a letter warning the province, its funding formula for education has to change.

"We should send a message that if funding does not improve, then we will file a deficit budget (next year)," Vaughan Trustee Dino Guilianni said.

"I believe we've cut enough. We're starving Peter to pay Paul."

The letter will tell the ministry current funding levels are not enough for boards in high-growth areas such as York Region.

The board's operating budget of \$304 million for the coming school year does not call for major cuts to programs or services for students.

However, several non-teaching departments will receive less funding, others can expect to be reviewed for "targeted reduc-

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