

Winter Comes To Eastern Canada

TORONTO — Three persons were killed yesterday as Ontario took the brunt of the winter's first big wallop.

Snow, ice, sleet and chilly winds blew eastward from the Rocky Mountains. Snowfall in some parts of Ontario was as much as twelve inches.

Two women were killed in a highway accident and a workman was crushed to death.

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To Vancouver (today)—Miss J. Eastbrooks, E. Naylor, J. Parker, T. S. Gilmour, D. Kebbs, M. Belmas, Mr. Obart, J. Skoro, Miss A. Skoro, J. LaDouceur, J. Venuiti.

To Sandspit (today)—M. Mark, G. Russell.

For Vancouver (Friday)—M. Freeman, G. Smith, O. J. Moser, L. Ashford, J. Connolly, C. Miller, E. J. Nicolls, W. J. Twamley, A. L. Fletcher and A. W. Jackson.

For Sandspit—John Carter, Mrs. L. Lasette.

For Masset—S. Evans, Earl Barr and Howard Bertram.

For Port Clements—E. Meers and M. Grenhard.

From Vancouver (Thursday)—R. Ware, T. J. Scully, H. A. McLean, P. J. Zonn, Mr. Karela, J. Hasu, G. Border, C. Allen, J. McDonald, Mr. Evans, F. H. Adams, A. Gutkin, Mrs. H. J. Weiss, C. Moore, Mr. Northcote, A. W. Jackson and W. Twamley.

Transporting School Pupils

SMITHERS — Smithers and District Board of School Trustees thinks that people who transport their children long distances to school should receive some form of transportation allowance in lieu of bus service which is accorded pupils in the cities and more centralized localities and, accordingly, is pressing the matter with the authorities concerned.

"We intend to see this thing through to a reasonable solution," stated J. McDonald School Board chairman, when a reply was received from Victoria recently ordering cancellation of the transportation allowance being issued to half a dozen district families for their co-operation in getting their pupils to school.

The incident was created when the secretary of the board applied for assistance from Victoria on the same basis as boarding out pupils. Victoria Department of Education officials have replied

to the effect that not only do they not see their way clear to give assistance, but the school board's action in giving assistance to the cases is contrary to Department of Education policy.

The letter stated "thousands of cases in British Columbia occur where parents take their children to school, and even in Vancouver city many parents take their children considerable distances to school. The department can't begin to think of compensating for these cases."

Local board members originally authorized the transportation system as an alternative to boarding out allowances. They noted that several of the parents were not in a position favorably to board their children in town, receiving maximum assistance of \$15 a month. It was agreed at that time that if an isolated family boarded their children at home, and transported them many miles daily to a school or a school bus line, it was equivalent to the board's purposes as paying the same amount for boarding allowances. Practically every case being assisted has only the alternative of correspondence courses, but since some cases are European families, language difficulties make a correspondence course useless.

School board trustees also noted that the whole policy of larger school districts was to give better education facilities to rural children and to bring education to a more equal level in all homes. Rescinding of transportation allowances would be a backward step in the opinion of school trustees.

Mr. McDonald further stated in his remarks that the matter should be pressed further rather than dropped "Surely," he said, "the department is not going to compare transporting of children on the paved streets of Vancouver in mild weather close to a highly efficient transportation system, and the transporting of children from five to eight miles each way in 30 below weather over poor back country roads, then often just to connect with a school bus. These parents should be given every encouragement when they will make such sacrifices for the betterment of their children's education. One parent travels over 50 miles daily. Even if we must continue to pay the whole shot ourselves, we should not stop the assistance or hinder the benefits to the rural people."

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IN THE BASKET

Referees are getting rather touchy these days. You can't even call them those names usually reserved for referee baiters and all I can say is it's a good thing I got out of the game when I did. This past week, much abused legislation was finally put into effect by the Prince Rupert Basketball Association and in future the man with the striped shirt will be respected as he always should be. No one will be permitted to strike, call him "Wooden Head," or make faces behind his back before getting permission from the league executive and it looks as though that permission will be hard to get.

It is with reluctance, however, that I offer you the names of the culprits currently facing a one game suspension at the wish of the executive. Yet in a column such as this one cannot always say nice things about people. After all, most of us have our bad days. I will say, however, that the two boys, Mr. Hebb of Fashion Footwear and Mr. Morrison of Hi-Golds, were mighty apologetic lads even after sentence had been passed and anything they did say or do was in the heat of battle. When the chips are down and things go just a little against a fellow he can blurt out most anything imaginable but the real fortitude shows when that same fellow can walk up, apologize and admit his error. These boys did just that and they'll be welcome back when the parole board sits.

I read elsewhere on these pages a report of Tuesday evening's show featuring Brownwoods and Gordon and Anderson. It was noted therein that so 'n' so did this and somebody else did that and it was even mentioned that Gordon and Anderson came up with a defence something to behold. Well, I must have been at the wrong gym for I recall on that particular night seeing one of the worst attempts at a basketball game I have seen for some time.

Probably I was disappointed in the showing the hardware merchants put up and possibly I am expecting too much at this early date, but whatever be the reason it is a comforting thought to know that both teams are very capable of classier shows and we may look forward to seeing a revival.

I still insist that as long as Ray Spring and Don Hartwig are allowed to roam at will as

they did on that evening, they will spell defeat for the defenders—those boys are just that good!

There's nothing sadder than a sorrowing Scot in my books and I was deeply touched last Sunday when Angus MacPhee called up to request a plug here and there urging more interest in his all-star team by members of the senior squads. In all I counted five faithful athletes using Don Forward's spacious court and out of approximately 35 eligibles and, in order that those five might practise, Jack McIntosh had to disturb his Sunday morning slumber to open the building. Angus MacPhee had to go home early on Saturday night to be in condition and I had to be there to console the saddened coach.

That isn't good enough, boys! Could it be that things come a little too easily these days? Could it be that the loss of the Senior "B" title last season had no effect on the younger crop who had the cup handed to them by fighters like MacPhee, Lindsay, Beynon, Morgan and Dominato—fellows who learned the game in the days when a shower was something you got caught out in and all-star rating meant you had what it took? If it isn't then let's see you show the fans, your sponsors and your coach that you have what it takes by grabbing that championship title this season and in a convincing manner. There is such a thing as loyalty and it is an easy quality to carry around.

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woods to win. If they can top the Co-op they will end up even with the fishermen in first place, but a loss will give Co-op a dangerous lead in the league race. If Ray Spring can forget that Joe Davis is in the game and go about his business he should be able to make up that one point difference that has been the margin in the two wins the Co-op has over the shoemen. Reg Lavigne is also due to explode about now and, when he does—well, we can hardly forget his efforts last season when he single handedly kept his buddies in the running before bowing out by the usual one point in the league's final game. This year Reg has been an also ran so far for some reason or other but it shouldn't be for long.

POTENTIAL STARS DEPART—The spotlight this week shines on a native boy from Greenville on the Naas River called Tait. Keep your eye on him the next time you see Hi-Golds perform. You'll agree he's a comer.
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