

Weather Like Sunday's *Jan. 21* Comes Once in 30 Years *1906*

Caterpillars and Canoes Brought Out by a 56 Above Sun— Spring Mildness All Thru Middle and Eastern States— Cold Snap Due To-night.

Something went wrong at the weather works yesterday. Instead of the snow and the cold which it had been intended to bring along to end the continued January thaw, there came forth a day that the merry month of May need not have been ashamed of. It wasn't in Toronto alone, either, as reports show. In the Middle Western and Eastern States the spring feeling was everywhere, and the mercury ran up in the 70's. It was, however, very cold in the Northwest provinces and in the Yukon. The development of a depression over the Gulf of Mexico, which is moving towards the lake region, kept the weather very mild from the lake region to the maritime provinces, accompanied by a few showers.

Minimum and maximum temperatures recorded at the observatory are: Dawson, 64 below—60 below; Atlin, 48 below—36 below; Victoria, 28—44; Calgary, 32 below—10 below; Battleford, 38 below—24 below; Qu'Appelle, 24 below—14 below; Winnipeg, 10 below—4 below; Port Arthur, 10—20; Toronto, 40—56; Ottawa, 24—48; Montreal, 36—44; Quebec, 18—36; Halifax, 10—44.

And while Toronto is billed to shiver and stamp its feet to-night or tomorrow, around the city yesterday some of the unusual sights of a January 21 were:

Canoeing on the bay,
Yachting on the lake,
Ice boating on Ashbridge's Bay,
Caterpillars,
Bees,
Crowds of promenaders on the beaches to east and west of the city.
Hyacinths and rosebuds showing themselves.

Where Extremes Meet.

At the foot of Woodbine-avenue, to the south, on the placid bosom of old Ontario, many sailing and steam craft were visible, filled by genial young folks, attired in light costume. In Ashbridge's bay, just north of Coatsworth's Cut, iceboats flitted hither and thither on the ice-bound surface. On the Woodbine track a dog had hard work to negotiate the muddy stretch, while, on the high verandahs facing Woodbine Park, in a temperature of 56 degrees, gentlemen in the bosom of their families smoked their fragrant Havanas to the accompaniment of humming mosquitoes, basking in the sunshine. To the rear of the houses hollyhocks were commencing to bud again.

A score of boats containing ladies and gentlemen sailed from the Humber across to Sunnyside. They partook of ice cream and spent several hours on the beach. Hundreds of people crowded the sidewalks, and scores were sitting around on the sand. The Humber was fairly alive with boats.

On the bay canoeing was a novel January recreation, and Toronto Canoe Club members who enjoyed the sport included: Frank Woodley, H E Saunders, Gray Howitt, George Spencer, Hugh Rose, Bert Giles, Arthur Etwell, C McHardy, D Nasmith, B H Gowland and A Cadieux. The first two from the club to sail a canoe in 1905 were Gray Howitt and H. E. Saunders.

Some Curiosities.

A gentleman brought in to The World a small brown caterpillar, one