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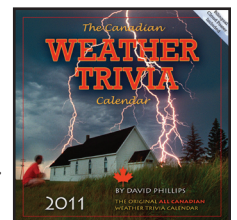
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Weather Facts New Brunswick

- On January 3, 2010, retreating tides transformed Petit-Rocher into an “all-you-can-eat lobster buffet.” Hundreds of people with flashlights scooped up lobsters in 19-L pails. Everybody in town was boiling lobster; the general store ran out of salt. Some fishers worried that people walking around were crushing many “cigarette-sized” lobsters without even noticing.
- On June 6, 2009, in Riverview, sunshine was plentiful, and there was barely a breeze. Suddenly, a swirl of wind stirred the air over the black asphalt parking lot near the baseball park. The wind picked up a massive amount of dust. It caused a loud slapping sound as it passed over Lake Petitcodiac. Rare in the Maritimes, dust devils form under clear sunny weather in still air.
- Yet another October storm pushed through New Brunswick on October 25, 2009, dropping more rains and ensuring one of the wettest Octobers on record. In Saint John, several streets and homes flooded after 116 mm of rain fell. One store owner said she had never seen such flooding in 32 years. October rainfall in Saint John amounted to 245.4 mm, which was just 2 mm less than the record set in 1977.
- On November 27, 2009, in Shippagan, officials tried to take the 2010 Olympic torch aboard a boat for a harbour tour, but they had to cancel the trip because of high winds that caused the flame to flicker perilously as it was carried across New Brunswick’s north shore. Yet, the cold and rain did not dampen the spirits of supporters who lined the normally quiet, 2-lane highway between Miramichi and Fredericton.
- On December 22, 2008, staff at the Magnetic Hill Zoo in Moncton mourned the accidental deaths of two adult baboons. The pair of olive baboons, named Ernie and Lisa, died from exposure to bitterly cold temperatures after being mistakenly locked out of their indoor cage at night. Both animals succumbed to hypothermia. Wind chill temperatures dipped to -25 °C during their time outside.

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Weather Facts Nova Scotia

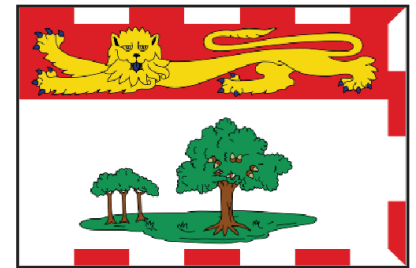
- The Nova Scotia government is so concerned about weather tourists—those who enter danger areas during severe weather—that they are considering fining weather thrill-seekers who venture too close to shorelines where rogue waves could strike them. At a time when extreme weather is expected to become more common, the rise of so-called weather tourists is a dangerous and incomprehensible trend, especially when children are involved. Rescuers are also put at danger when rescuing weather tourists.
- On February 28, 1952, a group of eighteen United States airmen parachuted to safety in a blizzard outside Sydney, as their transport plane hurtled into the woods at the edge of the city. The men leaped safely after 20 attempts to land at the reserve airport. Several narrowly missed high tension wires. Others dangled from trees for a time, bashed by 80-km/h winds. Shoulder-deep snow on the ground helped cushion their fall.
- On May 6, 1923, after the ferry/supply boat S.S. Kyle became stuck in the roughest stretch of ice ever to pile up off Sydney Harbour, several crew members and passengers decided to walk the 22 km to shore. It was a rough trip, as they scrambled around huge ice ramparts. A few hundred metres from shore the ice ended at open water. Luckily, townspeople had launched dories to come collect them.
- On December 8, 2009, a seven-year-old autistic boy found in the woods near his home in Cape Breton died in a Halifax after being hospitalized for acute hypothermia. He had been lost north of Sydney for 48 hours. Nasty weather—24 cm of snow, blizzard conditions, and -10°C wind chills—hampered the search.
- Dubbed the “Shopper Stopper Storm” by American retailers worried about losing holiday sales, the nasty weather system dropped record amounts of snow on the eastern seaboard of the United States on December 20, 2009. Its tail end then began hitting Nova Scotia. At Halifax’s Stanfield International Airport 26 flights were cancelled or delayed. Nova Scotian retailers also felt the blow as shoppers stayed home.

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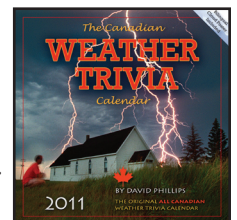
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Weather Facts Prince Edward Island

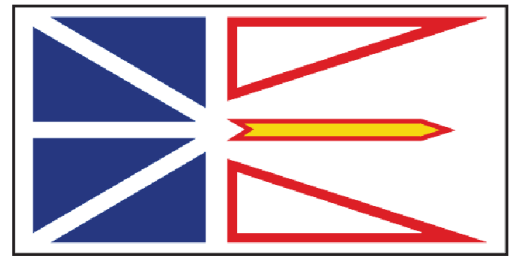
- Roads in West Prince were blocked for a week following a storm in February of 1982. The weather turned cold and the wind blew, creating drifts that could support the weight of large vehicles. With blocked roads, farmers had to find ways of storing their ever-expanding milk supplies. Some resorted to bagging milk in garbage bags. The weather remained cold throughout the ordeal, saving the milk from spoilage.
- On October 11, 1906, wildfires scoured Summerside destroying about 50 buildings, including the courthouse, jail, hotels, lumberyards and three churches. Fanned by a southeast gale, flames that started in the railway freight shed spread rapidly, cutting a fire line through the wooden buildings. The town narrowly escaped total conflagration after there was a fortunate change in wind direction.
- On December 12, 1843, lightning struck a farmer at Speke. The “electric fluid” entered through his window, knocking out several of his teeth and singeing all the hair off his head. It blackened the walls of the room and perforated some clothes before shattering a chest of drawers. The lightning then descended to the lower part of the building, tearing up the floor of the milk house.

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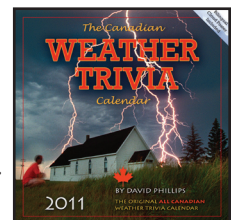
Weather Facts Newfoundland and Labrador

I'm staying [in Newfoundland] because there's no place I'd rather be. Besides, I prefer a climate where I have to put on clothes to be comfortable versus the other way around.

—Rolly Card, St. John's

- As many as 4,000 people drowned in hurricane-force winds when hundreds of ships sank off the coast of Newfoundland in September, 1775. Fishers pulled out 20 to 30 bodies in every netting following the storm. British records indicate that on average only about 1,000 people died at sea each year in the late 1770s. Little is known about the storm because there were no newspapers in Newfoundland at the time.
- On February 17, 2010, the mild winter in Labrador, with unfrozen rivers and lakes and no sea ice, forced organizers to scrap this year's six-day Cain's Quest race. Founded in 2006, it sends snowmobile riders bushwhacking through untracked land from Labrador City to Nain and back. In other years, teams had to turn around and go back to the checkpoint because it was too cold.
- St. Lawrence has more foggy days than anywhere else in Canada, with an annual average of 132.
- Bonavista is considered the windiest place in Canada, with an annual average wind speed of 31.7 km/h.
- On October 5, 2009, road crews in St. John's painted the centre lines on the road with yellow paint and then it rained. The paint oozed all over the surface for about a kilometre, smearing the pavement and creating big yellow puddles. A city "ice control" truck came to cover up the yellow road slick with sand, as cars whizzed along, becoming spattered with paint as they sprayed it into the air.
- In Newfoundlandese, a "rasher of wind" translates to a "very thin person."

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Weather Trivia Sample

A) What is the most popular weather term used in naming geographical areas, features, and places in Canada?

- 1) sun
- 2) rain
- 3) snow
- 4) wind
- 5) cloud

B) During which season do fingernails grow the fastest?

- 1) summer
- 2) fall
- 3) winter
- 4) spring
- 5) it makes no difference

C) Which city has the greatest amount of spring snowfall (March, April, and May)?

- 1) Edmonton, AB
- 2) Moncton, NB
- 3) St. John's, NL
- 4) Quebec City, QC
- 5) Charlottetown, PEI

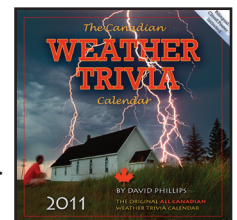
D) Which activity accounts for more deaths and injuries from lightning in Canada?

- 1) golfing
- 2) camping and hiking
- 3) picnicking
- 4) boating
- 5) outdoor construction work

Answer key:

A)3 B)1 C)2 D)2

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