

FORTY-FOUR BELOW IN NORTH ONTARIO

That Was the Temperature Re- corded at White River This Morning

COLD ALL OVER COUNTRY

Mercury May Get Down to Zero in Toronto on Christmas Night

Turn up your coat collar and sit close to the heat register when you read this. At White River, Ontario, this morning, the mercury was drilling the thermometer at a depth of 44 degrees below zero and trying to get further down. Such was the cold fact that came along the wires to the Observatory in Queen's Park.

White River, of course, is recognized as getting nearer to North Pole temperatures than any other section of the Province, but even there, 44 below is considered rather unusually cold.

The whole of New Ontario is decidedly frosty, the temperatures ranging from 20 to 30 degrees below zero. For instance Old Santa Claus is liable to get his nose frozen when he pokes it into Cobalt to-night, for 27 below was the temperature there to-day with the expectation of something worse as Christmas morn approaches. That is the story from all the towns in the mining country.

Practically the whole of the Dominion is cold and getting colder, and Toronto will have some of it tomorrow.

"Will the temperature go down to zero here?" the forecaster was asked.

He wanted to be kind and replied that he would not like to say so for a certainty, but felt sure that Christmas night would be very cold. To-night would be comparatively mild, he said, but in the morning the mercury would commence a descent and he could not say how far it would go.