

COLD WEATHER STORY

30 Buckingham Palace looked down on the rare sight of lunsh-time skating in St. James's Park. It's a very ill freeze that blows nobody any good, but even on this joyous scene there were some sufferers - feathered ones - On the Round Pond in Kensington Gardens they thought it a hard world. Wherever you travelled, miles of bleak winter stretched on all sides. The River Medway was frozen for some miles above Maidstone, in Kent; ~~mm~~ The whole country was in an Arctic grip. At 45 Shrewsbury even the swift-flowing Severn was ice-coated.

Even down in south Hampshire ~~the~~ ^{out to Avon} boats were icebound. Nearby is a place ^{as} famous for its mild winters as its warm summers - Bournemouth; and there, on the golf course, the young people didn't have to use too much imagination to think themselves in Switzerland. *Sam has went 2 enormous trouble making a snowman. X did y get 4 it? Abominable!*

25 At Christchurch, ~~in the Bournemouth area~~, sailors had to do all their moaning in the bars, they couldn't put out to sea. Maybe they didn't moan a great deal. ~~Still, when the~~

~~approaches to the sea freeze over in Britain it begins to~~
25 ~~seem like the fabulous winters written about in centuries~~
~~gone by.~~ Of course, Vienna expects cold, so do the Russian

40 soldiers, though even they, as they prepared to hand over guard duty to American troops, did wish it had kept fine for it. Generals Fitts and Maltokov supervised the monthly chang-over at the Hofburg Palace. ~~Duty goes by rotation~~

50 ~~among the four occupying Powers.~~ Talk about a cold war!

The courtesies ^{being} ~~were~~ properly observed ~~and~~ brotherly love continued.

Even bowls followed the on-ice fashion. Or curling, to be correct. They've been playing it even quite near Glasgow. The skip (captain of his side) has an eye to the bottle, like all his team. Some old stones, in use for 200 years, weigh close on 100 lbs; modern ones run to about fifty.

Ye've to be able to keep on ye're feet, or they think ye've had a nip before the game's won. ~~Anyway, Scotsmen have played curling for at least three centuries; not of course the same Scots.~~ A grand game.

The British Amateur Skating Championship. The holder, N. Hollwell (Nottingham Speed Club), with R. Welham, of Aldwyoh, on his heels in the final. ~~They were the fastest of the 23 men entered. Only five reached the final.~~ It was held near Cambridge, on a sewage farm. No reflectkon on anybody.

30 Hollwell held his titæ. [Distance; six quarter-mile laps.] Time, 4 minutes, 53.8 The King Edward 7th Cup was presented by the Mayor of Cambridge.