

Igloo building competition a hit during Winter Carnival

By Madeleine Leclerc
 With the success of the igloo building competition held in Centennial Park in Grand Falls February 16-18, organizers of the event sponsored by the New Brunswick Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists are planning an even bigger contest next year.
 "We were hoping to have 20 teams this year; only 10 participated. But the calibre of their work and their contribution towards making this event a success surpassed our wildest dreams," stated Eric Ouellette, a

member of the organizing committee. The event was one of the many activities organized during the Grand Falls Winter Carnival, which made a comeback after 18 years.
 Judging of the best igloo was made by the public which visited the site on Sunday, Feb. 18. The Falls Construction Ltd. team from Grand Falls took top honours with 280 votes (100 points). Second place went to the Restigouche Construction Co. Ltd. foursome (203 votes, 95 points) while third place was awarded to the Université de Moncton, Edmundston

campus team (55 votes, 90 points). Another competition aimed at residential snow sculptures was also held during the weekend. Stéphane Dumont from Drummond won first place and a \$100 prize, while second and third place finishers were Gaston Daigle (Caswell Street) and Cécile Belliveau (4th Avenue) from Grand Falls respectively. Both were awarded with prizes of \$75 and \$50 respectively.
 "Many of the teams which participated this year will probably be coming back next year," stated Ouel-

lette. "We've also heard many people talking about the competition after visiting the site. I believe we could be looking at many more teams for the igloo competition's next edition."
 In addition to the igloos built in Centennial Park, visitors also saw various smaller snow sculptures made by Drummond resident Stéphane Dumont. Many took the opportunity to take photos of the igloos as well as the snow sculptures located throughout Centennial Park.
 "Plans are already in the works for next year's competition," stated

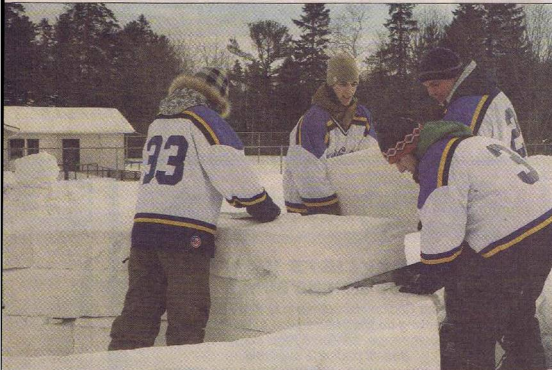
Ouellette, adding that his group will be attempting to beat the Guinness World Record. The Association's igloo welcomed visitors at the entrance to Centennial Park.
 "Our igloo measured 10 feet in diameter and had an inside height of 7 and a half feet. It was built using approximately 440 blocks of snow and weighed 1.5 tons. The Guinness record boasts an igloo which has a diameter of 24 feet and an inside diameter of 12 feet. I strongly believe that we can do better than that," stated Ouellette.



Lining up
 As one member of the Gemtec team looks on, a teammate casts a glance to make sure both snow blocks will line up perfectly. The Gemtec team was one of 10 teams which participated in the igloo building competition held Feb. 16-18 in Grand Falls. (Madeleine Leclerc photo)



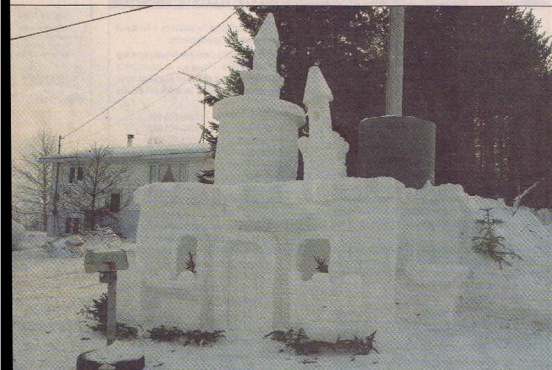
First place winners
 Members of the Falls Construction Ltd. team from Grand Falls were first place finishers of the igloo competition held this past weekend during the Town of Grand Falls' Winter Carnival. The team was the public's choice as winners of the contest sponsored by the Northwest Branch of the New Brunswick Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists. Left to right: Steve Côté, Maxime Michaud-Lafrenière, Kevin Plourde and Patrice Plourde. Absent: Jocelyn Cormier, mascot. (Madeleine Leclerc photo)



Third place finish
 Members of the Université de Moncton's Edmundston campus team took home third place honours at the conclusion of the NB Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists' igloo building competition held in Grand Falls Feb. 16-18. The team included Yanick Beaulieu, Raymond Page and Simon-Pierre Godbout, all of St. Leonard, and Gary Cormier of St. Jacques. (Madeleine Leclerc photo)



Hard at work
 Members of the Brun-way team were working hard on Saturday, February 17 during the igloo building competition held in Grand Falls. The event, sponsored by the Northwest Branch of the New Brunswick Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists, attracted 10 teams. It was one of the many activities held in conjunction with the Town of Grand Falls' Winter Carnival. (Madeleine Leclerc photo)



Castle wins first place
 His snow castle created by Stéphane Dumont of Drummond won the residential snow sculpture contest sponsored by the Town of Grand Falls Winter Carnival. Dumont won \$100 for his efforts. (Madeleine Leclerc photo)



Second place winners
 The Restigouche Construction Co. Ltd. team were chosen by the public as second place finishers in the igloo building competition held in Grand Falls Feb. 16-18. The team includes Gilles Tremblay, Pierre Rossignol, Jesse Hodges and Eric Raté. (Madeleine Leclerc photo)