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The unusual severity of the weather has been heavily felt by most of the labouring men of Calne and when other sources of employment had failed, the icing for the firms of the bacon curing establishments was hailed by many as a great boon. Large numbers of men and boys have been thus employed giving the town an air of stir and activity seldom seen except on similar occasions.

The thickness of the ice blocks testified to the intense frost which has prevailed. **The Marlborough Times 29 January 1881 (Reprinted 26th January 1956)**