

TOURISTS FLEE FROM CANBERRA HEAT WAVE

CANBERRA, December 28.

With a maximum temperature of 104 degrees Canberra sweated yesterday in a heat wave which drove hundreds of tourists to cooler districts.

The heat wave, which broke with a thunderstorm last night, had curious effects. In 48 hours 25 people were arrested for drunkenness, but only five were local residents. The peak tourist traffic of last year was not reached. Bush fires in New South Wales and the heat wave are held responsible for the decline.

The minimum temperature last night was 71.