

VERIFICATION OF PREDICTIONS.

The Storm Periods of March.

[Readers will please notice that the verification of the predictions alluded to in these columns is not our own, but from the newspapers and journals of the day.—ED. BULL.]

FIRST STORM PERIOD (4th and 5th).

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 4.—Heavy rain and snow has fallen in the Maritime Provinces and over the Gulf of St. Lawrence. This morning there is an important area of low pressure central over Nebraska, and another one covers the Maritime Provinces. Lakes—Stormy weather, with snow or rain.

Snow-storms in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

St. John, N.B., March 5.—The Quebec train, due at 7.30 a.m., did not arrive until 5.30 p.m., having been detained by snow drifts on the northern section of the Intercolonial Railway. The train from St. John for Quebec was caught in a snow-bank this morning, and detained eight or nine hours. Elgin Branch is snowed up.

A very severe snow and wind storm prevailed on Saturday, the 4th March, at Duluth. The same storm, or blizzard, also struck Winnipeg the same day, and raged all day Sunday, the 5th. [This is another verification of our first "Storm Period in North-West and Western Sections about 4th or 5th." This disturbance also struck New Brunswick and Nova Scotia on same dates.—ED. BULL.]

A general snow-storm, with northerly and north-westerly winds, and a sharp fall in temperature, in the Upper Missouri Valley. This will verify Vennor's first storm period of the month, with cold and snow-storms in northern and western sections about this time.—*Commercial, Cincinnati, March 5.*

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—Reports state that the blizzard on the 4th and 5th of March, at Winnipeg, was very severe. It set in on Saturday night and increased in fury as the night wore on, and on Sunday morning had reached a height that had never been equalled, old residents said, within the last ten years. The wind blowing from the north-west had a clear sweep over miles of prairie and piled the snow in huge drifts across the streets and sidewalks. These drifts in some places were eight and ten feet in height. This "blizzard" continued with unabated fury until eight or nine o'clock on Sunday night, when the wind subsided to a great extent, while the weather grew very much colder.

SECOND STORM PERIOD (11th and 12th).

This disturbance occurred at most points on or about the 9th and 10th.

Montreal—A snow-storm occurred here on the afternoon of the 9th inst., and continued, with slight intermissions, until next morning, a high wind causing a good deal of drifting in the adjacent country. There were snow flurries again on the morning of the 12th. Since then, however, the weather has been mostly clear and cold,—quite remarkably so, perhaps, when some previous spring-like temperatures are remembered. There may possibly be a break-up of the ice in the river rather earlier than usual, but if so, it would not likely influence the arrival of ocean craft.—*Weekly Review, Gazette.*

MILWAUKEE, March 9.—The severest snow-storm of the season prevails here. It will cause great delays to trains all through the North-West, if not an absolute blockade.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 10.—The weather is very unsettled in Canada from the Lakes to the Atlantic, accompanied by snow and rain.

Montreal, March 10.—The snow-storm of last night and this morning appears to have prevailed generally throughout Ontario and Quebec. At Hemmingford a resident reports that the snow began to fall heavily early in the morning, and continued all day. The drifts in that section are very considerable, traffic being more or less impeded. The conductor of the Western train reports a good deal of snow in the vicinity of Brockville, which impeded the train for a considerable distance.—*Witness.*

DAVENPORT, Iowa, March 10.—The severest snow-storm of the winter prevailed yesterday. Fully six inches of snow fell, and drifted badly.

St. Louis, March 10.—A heavy and very unusual snow storm prevailed along the line of the Texas Pacific railway in Western Texas, on Wednesday. At Abilene the snow was six inches deep.

CHICAGO, March 10th.—Dispatches from Quincy and Monmouth, Ill., and Waterton and Madison, Wis., and also from different points in Iowa and Minnesota, indicate that a genuine blizzard from the north prevailed throughout the Northwest yesterday and last night. The accompanying snow drifted badly, and travel is generally impeded.

CORRECT.—Vennor seems to be correct again. His second edition of winter is apparently at hand. The various parties who tried to force Spring are discomfited. The hand-organ man is nearly frozen out. The premature abandoner of a great coat has again to take to his discarded wrap. Fur caps have been pulled out of their camphor bag casings, and Vennor feels happy. He has the intense enjoyment which is only known to those who have foretold the misfortunes of their friends, when the catastrophe comes to pass, can sit down and say in triumph, "I told you so."—*Ottawa.*

THE WEATHER.—All through Thursday night and the greater part of yesterday a heavy snow-fall prevailed, and made good the prognostication of Vennor early in the winter, that before March was over, although it would earlier than that look like Spring, a second edition of Winter would come upon the country. The snow-fall of this thirty-six hours is about the heaviest which has been seen about here this season, and was quite contrary to what was expected by most folk, who thought that the Winter had broken up for good.—*Ottawa Citizen, March 9 and 10.*

THIRD STORM PERIOD (18th and 19th).

(A close verification.)

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 18.—Heavy snow is falling over Nova Scotia and in the Lower Lake region. It continues to blow hard from the eastward, and rain has begun to fall in the western portion.

Vennor makes a Square Drive at New York, Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland.

Montreal, March 11.—Mr. Vennor says—"I would warn New York and the contiguous seaboard, also the Middle States and possibly Newfoundland and the Maritime Provinces, of the approach of a storm period on the 18th and 19th of the present month, probably with heavy rains and high winds in the former section, and wind, snow and rain-falls in the latter."—*Sunday Mercury, New York.*

Durham and Riegelsville.—The "blizzard" that Vennor predicted for March struck this section of country on Monday, the 13th inst., about 10 a. m. It raged about 48 hours with unabated fury, when it calmed down to some extent in a six-inch fleecy snow.—*Dayleston Dem., Penn.*

Four and one-eighth inches of the beautiful snow fell on Wednesday night, and, not to go back on Vennor, hurried up Thursday and made his prophecy for "opening and thawing weather" good. Vennor didn't call for mud, but the snow threw that in the bargain.—*Littiz, Penn.*

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., March 18.—A heavy sea is making considerable inroads along the beaches, where large sand bars have been formed. The water stands from six to ten inches deep over some of the roads and is still rising. There is a considerable quantity of wrecked material scattered along the shore, which is probably from the wrecked schooner *E. A. Elliott.*

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—A furious snow-storm is prevailing in the mountains. Trains have been stuck at Emigrant Gap four days. Six hundred men are working at Blue Canon, trying to keep the track clear. The snow is five feet deep and drifting badly.

Cincinnati, March 20.—A tornado passed over Lexington, Ky., this afternoon, unroofing many houses, and demolishing the round-house of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. One man was fatally injured. There was great destruction to farm property in the track of the tornado. Two and a-half inches of rain fell. At Wilmington, Ohio, the streams are swollen beyond precedent. Three large wash outs occurred on the Cincinnati & Muskingum Railroad, stopping trains. At Greenfield the creek rose a foot higher than any previous record. Much farm land is overflowed. There is a bad wash-out, including the embankment and trestle, on the Ohio Southern road, above Greenfield. The Licking River is rising rapidly.

Morrisburg, Ont., March 21st.—A heavy snow storm has been raging all day, accompanied by east wind.

Toronto, Ont.—The snow to-day occasioned a street car blockade. Unsettled and stormy weather generally.