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Generally above, means above mean at a majority of the places observed at. Generally below, means below mean at a majority of the places observed at. Evenly divided, above and below at an equal number of points.

SCHEDULE of Precipitation for 1898.

Months.	Calgary, Alta.	Medicine Hat, Assa.	Swift Current, Assa.	Chaplin, Ass.	Regina, Assa.	Battleford Assa.	Pincher Creek, Assa.	Macleod, Alta.
Latitude, North.	51° 03′	50° 01′	50° 20′	50° 27′	50° 27′	52° 41′	49° 11′	49° 49′
Longitude W	114° 04′	110° 37′	107° 45′	106° 40′	104° 37′	108° 30′	114° 00′	113° 24′
Elevation above sea level.		2161	2439	2202	1885	1620	3750	3060
January. February March April May June July August October. November December.	1 '57 a 0 '29 b 2 '05 a 3 '21 a 3 '44 a 1 '83 a	0 · 45 b 1 · 07 a 1 · 62 a 1 · 42 a 0 · 48 b 1 · 51 b 2 · 45 a 2 · 22 a 1 · 07 n 1 · 71 a 1 · 23 a 0 · 67 a	0·57 b 0·82 n 2·02 a 0·60 b 1·31 b 2·56 b 2·81 a 1·79 n 0·90 b 1·33 b 0·41 b 0·13 b	0·10 b 0·40 b 1·30 a 0·00 b 0·03 b 2·33 a 0·18 b 0·15 b 1·09 a 0·62 a 0·00 b	0·10 b 0·57 a R. 0·21 b 2·55 a 2·68 a 2·10 a 0·30 b	0 · 53 a 1 · 58 a 0 · 91 a 0 · 92 b 2 · 03 a 1 · 09 b 1 · 58 b 0 · 46 b 0 · 83 a 0 · 68 a 0 · 20 b	0.52 p	0·30 0·53 1·00 0·27 1·59 1·90 1·57 4·04 0·85 0·58 0·15 0·80
Total	15 11 a	16 · 90 a	15·25 b	6·45 b	8 66	14 15 a	0.52	13.58

Note, -a = A bove mean. b = B elow mean. n = A bout normal. About normal = within 0.1 inches.

The precipitation schedule is far from satisfactory; lack of records at Regina and Pincher Creek for several months of the year during which precipitation is known to have occurred, renders a comparison of less value.

At Calgary the precipitation for February, March and May was greater than that of last year, and also than the average mean; for June it was little more than half that of

1897 and for remaining months it was less than in 1897.

At Medicine Hat the greatest precipitation took place in July and August, with March considerably above the average, and total less than last year, but also above the average.

At Swift Current greatest precipitation in March, June and July, with total about

average.

At Chaplin, in March and June, with total about average.

At Regina, in June, August and September, with no records for February, July and November; assuming the rainfall was about the same as at Chaplin, the next point west, the total rainfall for the year would have been about average.

At Battleford the heaviest precipitation was in May and June, with total con-

siderably above the average, but not so great as in 1897.

At Macleod in May, June, July and August, with August considerably in excess, and total fall about the same as in 1897.

For Pincher Creek there are practically no records.