

ARTICLE III.

NOTES ON NEW BRUNSWICK WEATHER FOR 1912.

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*January.*—The distinctive feature of the month was the steady and extremely cold weather with but two brief intervals of thawing temperatures. Snow fell on twelve days, light rain on three. At St. John, the average temperature was the lowest since 1888. Temperatures below zero were recorded on twelve days, attended by thick vapour over the Bay. An exceptionally heavy gale from the southeast through southwest to northwest occurred on the 9th and 10th; at Point Lepreaux it reached hurricane force and some local damage resulted. At the close of the month the depth of snow ranged from three inches near the coast line to two feet farther north. Highest temperature 51 at Sussex; lowest 31.5 below zero at Fredericton.

*February.*—A month of steady though not extremely cold weather. Excepting between the 9th and 12th, few or no zero temperatures were recorded. The only thaw occurred with the heavy rainfall of the 22nd. Snow fell on eight days, snow and rain on one, while the remaining days were mostly fine and bright. A heavy southeast through southwest to northwest gale on the 22nd and 23rd, and a gale from southeast and east on the 27th were the only storms of the month. The last mentioned was accompanied by the heaviest snowfall of the winter in New Brunswick. Highest temperature 48.7 at Grand Manan; lowest 29.5 below zero at St. Stephen.

*MARCH.*—Weather was of a very wintry type, rivers and lakes remained ice-bound with little prospect of an early opening. In southern New Brunswick good sleighing prevailed until the 15th, when a heavy rainfall put an end to