

SNOWFLAKES.

A hill ; a sled all painted red,
The name in yellow ;
A boy in cap and mits and wrap—
A happy fellow.

The track like ice—that's very nice ;
A scrape and rumble ;
A little swerve ; a tricky curve—
And such a tumble !

A whirl ; a stop ; the sled on top,
Snow all this hiding ;
A merry laugh ;—yet this is not half
The fun of sliding.
—(Wallace E. Mather, in February Wide-Awake.

Snow blockades New Brunswick R. Roads, 10th and 11th.

There was ten inches of snow at Concord, N. H., on the 11th February.

On the 12th of February the ice floes in the Bay at Toronto were covered with sea gulls.

Fine weather and a scarcity of snow, in the interior, is reported from British Columbia.

It is said that 1,500,000 tons of ice have already been harvested along the Hudson, N. Y.

The snow fall in Ottawa, has been so great, that in many places the drifts reached the telegraph wires.

Dense fog and almost total darkness, in London, Eng., on the 4th of February ; whilst we had cold weather in Canada.

When a dog stands in the middle of the street, and howls at the New Moon, it is a sure sign of—a want of better employment.

Let railroad men beware the first week of March, and last few days of February, in Western and extreme eastern sections.

Tremendous break in the weather, at Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec, with heavy rains on 12th and 13th of month of February.

At the south, wild geese are flying northward, which is regarded as a token of an early Spring—but they may stop half way.

Those who think or state that my predictions read better *reversely*, had better read them that way. There's no accounting for tastes.

A correspondent in the Manitoulin Island, Lake Huron, reports a mild winter up to the entry of the new year, since when it has experienced several cold snaps.

The 11th of February saw severe blockades of snow in Nova Scotia and floods in Texas, while along the St. Lawrence Valley the weather was mild and bright.

Lake Simcoe, (Ont.) ice is in great demand. The Northern and North Western Railways are transporting large quantities to towns and cities of Western Ontario.

There was an unusually severe snap at Battleford, in Oct., (1891,) since when the weather has been open and fine. Live stock grazing on the open prairie as in summer.

There were general snowfalls on the night of the 18th and all day on the 19th. Quebec boasts of 20 to 30 feet drifts of snow. Depth of snow increases as one journeys eastward from Montreal—very like the year 1878.

The local astrologer says : "I think the great storm which Mr. Vennor predicts for the 16th to the 19th inst., will prove to be a great blow, and probably will reach us between the 20th and 25th inst.,—nearly a week later than he calculates."—*Wis.*

RANGE OF TEMPERATURE IN A DECADE.

During a period of eight years, the lowest readings of corrected thermometers at the Montreal observatory were, in

1879—December 21st—25 °.2

1882—January 24th—20 °.0

and the warmest days in the same period, were—

August 6th—1876—92 °.2

July 2nd — 1878—91 °.8

July 10th — 1881—93 °.3

At Toronto, Ont., during the past ten years, the highest temperature recorded was, on July 1st, 1872, —96 °.0 ; and the lowest, January 29th, 1873—18 °.4.—*Toronto Observatory Report.*

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF TEMPERATURE IN SHADE AT OTTAWA, FOR 1881.

1881.	Maximum.	Minimum.
January.....	30 ° above zero	19 ° below zero
February	52 ° "	19 ° "
March	53 ° "	8 ° above zero
April.....	72 ° "	6 ° "
May.....	90 ° "	27 ° "
June.....	87 ° "	33 ° "
July.....	90 ° "	46 ° "
August	99 ° "	50 ° "
September....	89 ° "	41 ° "
October.....	76 ° "	23 ° "
November....	58 ° "	6 ° below zero
December....	46 ° "	3 ° "

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY AND THEN FORGET IT.

In the December of the year 1875, the papers said "such an open season has not been experienced since the year 1837, when, &c., &c.

At the close of the year, 1877, the same papers again said, "the oldest inhabitant cannot recall to mind such another open season, unless 1837."

And again in December of the year just past, 1881, forgetting what had surprised them already twice, within but a few years, the same or similar paragraphs were repeated.

And so it has ever been, and so, probably, it will be always, until the end of time. "The people," as a general rule, forget all about the weather of the past, know very little about the weather of the present, and still less respecting that of the future.

"The heaviest snow-fall of the season, so far occurred, &c.," is another paragraph which we have often clipped from the same papers, repeatedly, during the one winter ; and "the hottest day of the season" is recorded each summer, at least a score of times.

Then, that "oldest inhabitant" business is another stale paragraph. In our wanderings through the country, we have not found one old citizen or settler out of a hundred, who had ever paid any attention to the weather, whatsoever, of by-gone years, but met with hundreds who remembered the market fluctuations of a half century, or more, ago. Occasionally, one of these "old inhabitants," could call to mind some particularly marked feature, such as, a particularly cold or stormy winter, or, hot summer, low or high state of the rivers, &c., &c., but such invariably were exceptions to the general rule.

The genuine and respected "oldest inhabitant," we have met and conversed with, but he is cautious and reserved, and is not the individual so often trotted out before the public.

The BULLETIN is fast finding out both the *old inhabitants* and the *oldest weather records* in the Dominion and the United States.

Don't waste your time asking whether "Vennor" is right or wrong, but get the MONTHLY BULLETIN and judge for yourself.

DON'T DO IT.

HOW TO KEEP WELL AND LIVE LONG BY NOT DOING THINGS.

Don't sleep in a draught.
Don't go to bed with cold feet.
Don't stand over hot-air registers.
Don't eat what you do not need just to save it.

Don't try to get cool too quickly after exercising.

Don't start the day's work without a good breakfast.

Don't sleep in a room without ventilation of some kind.

Don't stuff a cold lest you be next obliged to starve a fever.

Don't try to get along without flannel under-clothing in winter.

Don't use your voice for loud speaking or singing when hoarse.

Don't try to get along with less than eight or nine hours sleep.

Don't sleep in the same undergarment you wear during the day.

Don't toast your feet by the fire, but try light friction instead.

Don't neglect to have at least one movement of the bowels each day.

Don't try to keep up on coffee and alcohol when you ought to go to bed.

Don't drink ice-water by the glass ; take it in sips, a swallow at a time.

Don't eat snow to quench thirst, it brings on inflammation of the throat.

Don't strain your eyes by reading or working with insufficient or flickering light.

Don't use the eyes for reading or fine work in the twilight of evening or early morning.

Don't try to lengthen your days by cutting short your night's rest ; it is poor economy.

Don't wear close, heavy fur or rubber caps or hats if your hair is thin or falls out easily.

Don't eat anything between meals, excepting fruit or a glass of hot milk if you feel faint.

Don't take some other person's medicine because you are troubled somewhat as they were.

Don't take off your fur cap and overcoat just to spite "Vennor."

QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

"What's the surest indication of rain you know of, Mr. V.?" A spoiled silk hat, Sir, and an umbrella lost.

"Why does the mercury contract and descend in a thermometer?" Why, to get down into the bulb, of course.

"What do you mean by a church steeple?" The very opposite to a cold "dip".

"Why does it always rain or snow, just 100 days after a heavy fog?" Does it! I never counted. That must be why it rains nearly every day in London, Eng.

"Some cold mornings I can't brush my hair, and it crackles like an electric machine. What does this signify?" Not very certain, but probably your wife has had a hand in the matter.

"When ears have been frost-bitten, what is the best treatment to be adopted?" If you mean some time after, keep them well covered and apply pure olive oil frequently, until not sore to the feel. Then don't do it again, or they may drop off.

GET HIS REVENGE.—Vennor has often been laughed at because his predictions did not come true to a day in certain localities. Now, however, the greatest skeptics believe him, and if he would only "let up," on this nuisance of a thaw they would promise never to disbelieve him. On this occasion pedestrians consider that he has been too utterly too true.