

In the early part of November the Indian summer generally commences, and then follows the loveliest portion of the season, which usually lasts about a fortnight. The weather is warm, the atmosphere hazy and calm, and every object appears to wear a tranquil and drowsy aspect. Then comes winter, generally ushered in by a soft, fleecy fall of snow, succeeded by days of extreme clearness, with a clear blue sky and invigorating atmosphere. In December the winter regularly sets in, and, until the end of March, the weather continues steady, with perhaps one thaw in January, and occasional snow-storms. The days are clear and bright, and the cold much softened by the brilliancy of the sun.

Summer Frosts.

In considering answers to the question "Are summer frosts prevalent or exceptional?" it should be remembered that last year a most exceptional frost appeared on one night in September throughout the whole northern part of the United States, and in some parts of British North America. The damage done to crops in the Canadian North-West was proved by Government statistics to be much less than that generally experienced on the continent of North America; and the fact that the following replies were given immediately after a frost, even though it was most exceptional, adds largely to the value of the testimony.

It should further be remembered, as will be seen from the testimony of many settlers, that ill-effects from summer frosts may be, in almost every case, avoided by a system of early ploughing; so that each settler has his remedy in his own hands.

104 farmers answered, "*Exceptional.*" Following are replies of others, whose postal addresses may be found on pages 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8.

Name.	Answer.
Dicken, G.....	Exceptional, doing little or no damage if wheat land is autumn ploughed. Have seen frost by chance in July, in England.
Urton, W. S.....	Exceptional; most certainly not the rule.
Hutchinson, A.....	Have never experienced any.
Smith, W. P.....	I believe exceptional. This year up to date (September 13th) no frost to hurt the greenest grain.
Blythe, R.....	We have had two slight frosts, but not to do much harm.
Field, E.....	I should say exceptional; but after first week in September we generally get frost.
Lawrence, J.....	I never lost a dollar by summer frost.
Screech, John.....	There has been none here to do any harm.
Lothian, J.....	Very rare. I have only seen it once, and that nothing to speak of.
McGhee, J.....	No summer frosts here.
Bruce, G.....	We have never suffered from frost during summer.
Warnock, William....	Are the exception, the frost of 1883 being the only one I have seen in six years to do any harm.