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## TORONTO

## GENERAL METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

FOR THE YEAR 1891.

# REMARKS ON THE METEOROLOGICAL RESULTS AT TORONTO FOR THE YEAR 1891. 

## TEMPERATURE.

The mean temperature of $189^{1}$ was $4^{\circ} .87$, being $1^{\circ .} 74$ warmer than the average of the past half century, and 0.67 warmer than 1800 . This excess is mainly due to the high temperature of the winter and autumn, the summer being cool and slightly lower than the normal, bearing out the fact that Toronto presents great regularity in the annual temperature, combined with great variability in the course of the year. The mean temperature of the several months was in nine instances above, and in three instances below their proper normals, the average excess to the average defect being in the ratio of $2^{\circ}$.91 to $1^{0} 77$. On each of 207 days the mean temperature was above the normal temperature of that particular day, and below on 158 days. The mean temperature of each month, with the difference from the normal, was January, $24.15+1^{\circ} 667$; February, $28^{\circ} 02+5^{\circ} \cdot 48$; March, $28^{\circ} \cdot 81+0^{\circ} \cdot 11$; April, $43^{\circ \cdot} 24+2^{\circ} 40$; May, $51^{\circ} 51-0.59$; June, $64^{\circ} 34^{\circ}+2^{\circ} \cdot 29$; July, $63^{\circ} \cdot 69$ $3^{*} \cdot 98$ : August, $65^{*} \cdot 56-0^{*} 73$; September, $62^{0} \cdot 49^{+} 4^{*} 04$; October, $47^{\circ} 91$ $+i^{*} 66$; November, $37^{\circ} 05-0^{*} 96$; December, $33^{*} 64+7^{*} 56$. Dividing the year into the ordinary seasons, we have for winter, $26^{*} \cdot 99$; spring, $53^{*} \cdot 03$; summer, $63^{\circ} \% 9^{1}$; autumn, $39^{\circ} 53$. The thermic anomalies differ from the normal temperature proper to the latitude. Winter, 88.87 ; spring, $4^{\circ} 60$; summer, $-2^{\circ} \cdot 35$; autumn, $-4^{\circ} 80$. The only month during the year in which the observed temperature exceeded the normal value of the latitude was September, which was $0 \% 90$ warmer. The mean daily range for the year was 16.45 , the greatest monthly average occurring in May $\left(21^{\circ \cdot 12}\right.$ ) and the least in March, $12^{\circ} \cdot 49$. The greatest range, $37^{\circ} \cdot 8$, occurred on the 3oth April, and the least, $4^{\circ} \cdot 5$, on the 2oth of January. The warmest month relatively was December, estimated by its excess $\left(7^{*} 56\right)$ above the normal temperature. The coldest absolutely was January ( $24^{v} \cdot 15$ ), but July was the coldest relatively, its mean $\left(63^{\circ} 69\right)$ being 3.98 below its proper normal. The climatic difference was $41^{\circ \cdot} 4 \mathrm{I}$. The warmest day was the 16th June, mean temperature $77^{\circ} 62$, and the coldest 16 th January, with a mean temperature of $5^{\circ \cdot 1}$, but the warmest day relatively was the 25 th September, it being $18 \cdot 80$ above its proper normal, and the coldest the 29 th November, which was $19^{0.7}$ below. The average temperature of the warmest and coldest days from former years was $77^{\circ} 87$, and $2^{\circ} \cdot 28$ below zero. The highest temperature of the year $91^{*} 9$ occurred on the 16 th June ; the lowest, $2 \%$ o below zero, on the 16th Junuary. The annual range was from these extremes $93^{\circ} 9$, being $\mathrm{I}^{\circ} \cdot 8$ more than in 1890 , and $9^{\circ} 1$ below the average range. There were thirty-thre instances on which the temperature at the hour of observation was $20^{6}$ above the normal, and only five when a defect of an equal amount occurred. The most striking deviations from the normal curve of temperature have been as follows :-
Jan. $\quad 1$ mean deviation $+14^{\circ} .57$ Dec. 2 to 5 mean deviation $+11^{\circ} .80$

| Ig to 24 | . | +10.94 | " | 9 to 15 | " | +12.60 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28 to 31 | " | $+11^{\circ} \cdot 15$ | " | 21 to 26 | " | $+14^{\circ} \cdot 15$ |
| Feb. 16 | " | $+16^{\circ} \cdot 75$ | " | 29 | " | $+16^{\circ} \cdot 55$ |
| 23 to 25 | " | $+12^{\circ} \cdot 37$ | Jan. | 3 | " | - $14{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} 45$ |
| April 22 | " | $+17^{0.72}$ |  | 16 | " | $-16^{\circ} 45$ |
| May 8 to 10 | " | $+11^{\circ} \cdot 35$ | Feb. | 4 |  | -15 ${ }^{\circ} \cdot 25$ |
| June 15 to 16 | " | $+14^{0 .} 27$ | May | 16 | " | $-11{ }^{8 \cdot 13}$ |
| Sep. 17 to 18 | * | $+12^{\circ}$. 95 | July | 7 to 8 | . | $-10^{0.73}$ |
| " 21 to 28 | " | $+13^{\text {o. }} 74$ |  | 26 to 28 | " | - $8^{\circ} 65$ |
| Oct. 2 to 5 |  | $+15^{\circ} \cdot 42$ | Nov. | 28 to 29 |  | $-17^{0.74}$ |
| Nov. 9 to 12 | " | $+11{ }^{8.82}$ | Dec. | 17 | " | $-13{ }^{0 \cdot 10}$ |
| 21 to 23 | " | $+11^{\circ} 41$ |  |  |  |  |

## BAROMETRIC PRESSURE.

The mean height of the Barometer was 29.6385 inches, being ooorg 8 inches in excess of the average. The month which showed the greatest least ooot, in defect Aormal was May, oogt in excess. April showing the being only ooo37. The hizhesteviation without reference to sign was snall, ber 12 th, and the lowest $20^{\circ} 533^{\circ}$ reading was $30^{\circ} 266$ inches at $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. of Octorange of pressure of 1730 inches.

The number of days of large. pressure differed by two tenths and apnormal variations in which the average aw of their distribution is well marked by their the normal, was 118 , the winter than in the summer months, the by their greater frequency in the November, and the least (3) in August and September.

## HUMIDITY.

The mean humidity of the year was 75 , being 2 per cent. less than the average, the greatest monthly humidity was (85) in January, and the least
(59) in May. There w 7 in January, 3 in Febses of complete saturation at the hour of observation : October, 5 in November and 8 in March, 2 in April, 2 in September, 1 in at the hour of observation was 13 on the Ist of May at humidity of the year

Clouds.
The extent of sky clouded was on the average of the year six-tenths of of the whole. September was the clearest month and November the most less than the averay year there were 60 days completely clouded, being 12 ary, none being registered in Ji:ly.

## WIND.

The resultant direction of the wind was $\mathrm{N} 57^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. showing $9^{\circ}$ more southing than 1890 , and $4^{\circ}$ more than the average of the 15 years to 1889 . miles. The most windy month was without reference to direction was $7: 33$ per hour, and the least windy was Seran of 1140 miles The windiest day was the 8th of Deptember with an average of $4^{2} 20$ miles. hour, and the day of least velocity 1oth June age velocity $399^{9} 96$ miles per per hour.

The highest velocity in one hour was $60^{\circ}$ o miles from 2 to 3 p.m. of the
November.

## RAIN AND SNOW.

The total depth of rain that fell during the year was 26.735 inches, being $0 \cdot 677$ inches less than the average and upwards of 5 inches less than the rainfall of 1890 . The depth of snow 478 inches was $22^{\circ} 0$ inches less than rainy month and 48 less than the snowfall of 1.90 . August is the most the number of to quantity ( 4380 inches), and November with reference to an inch having falle days (I4). May is the least rainy month less than half

The most rainy day was the oth of the usual $q$ antity for that month. was onlv one other day during the year that when 2435 inches fell, there of June when 128 inches fell in a little over over one inch fell, on the 16 th 0.62 inches fell in 16 minutes betwixt 2 and 1 hour, but on the IIth of June

The heaviest fall of snow inixt 2 and 3 p.m. January. Rain fell on of snow in one day was $5^{2} 2$ inches on the 1 Ith of and 20 less than in 1890 . Snow fell on 70 days being average number average and II less than in 1800 . There were 103 days 4 more than the rain or snow fell, in 1890 the number was 159 . 193 days on which neither giving a

The rain occupied 602 hours and the snow 301 hours, in its fall giving a total of 903 or upwards of 37 days 15 hours when rain or snow was actually falling.

## THUNDER STORMS.

Of the 19 thunder storms occurring during the year, the first lightning was on the 18th April, and the latest on October 26th, I was recorded in Mav, 4 in June, 5 in July, 5 in August, 3 in September, I in October. The most severe storms were on the 11th and 16th of June ; 14th, 28th and 29th of July; 9th, 1 th and 26th of August: lightning alone was observed on 4 occasions.

## AURORA.

Auroras were more numerous than in the previous year. Of the 18 observed 2 were of the second class, 7 of the third and 9 of the fourih class. There were 212 nights favourable for observation, the most brilliant displays occurring on the 7 th and 12 th of April, 28th of August and 8th, 9th, 1oth and ith September.

## SUNSHINE.

The total duration of bright sunshine during the year was $2065^{\circ} 4$ hours, number of hours the sun was above the horizon 4463.3 . ratio of registered to possible o 46 hours.

Frost occurred in every month but in June, July, August and September, the last frost in spring was on the 23rd of May, and the earliest in autumn on October 1oth, ice first formed on October 12th, the last snow in spring was on the 3rd of May ( 0.3 inches), and the first in autumn on the ist November (a few flakes only.)

Ice left the Bay on February 16th, reformed on March Ist, and people were skating on it. Bay clear of ice on March 22th. First schooner arrived on March 24th. First steamer arrived April 21st. Last schooner arrived on December 28th. Bay did not freeze over until 5th January, 1892.

## GENERAL METEOROLOGICAL

MAGNETICAL OBSERVATORY, Latitude $43^{\circ} 39^{\prime} 4 \mathrm{~N}$. Longitude $5 \mathrm{~h} .17 \mathrm{~m}, 34^{\circ} 65 \mathrm{~W}$. Elevation


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REGISTER FOR THE YEAR 1891.
TORONTO, ONTARIO.
above Lake Ontario, 108 feet. Elevation above the Sea, 350 feet.


TEMPERATURE.


BAROMETER.

|  | 1891. | Average <br> 50 years. | Extremes |  |
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| Average pressure of the year. | $\begin{gathered} 29 \cdot 6385 \\ \text { Sept. } \\ 29.7296 \\ \text { June } \\ 29 \cdot 5902 \\ \text { Oct. } 12 \\ 30 \cdot 266 \\ N o v .23 \\ 28 \cdot 536 \\ 1.731 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{r}286779 \\ \text { in } 1849\end{array}\right.$ | $29 \cdot 5602$in 1864 |
| Month of the highest average pressure.......... |  |  |  |  |
| Highest monthly average pressure............... |  |  | $\mathrm{Jan}_{29.8046} 1849$ | June, 1864 |
| Lowest monthly average pressure. |  | June | March, 1859 | 206525 |
| Date of the highest pressure in the year......... Highest pressure |  | $29 \cdot 5693$ | 29.4143 $J 981866$ | 29.5886 |
| Date of the lowest pressure in |  | 30365 | Jan. 8,1866 $3 i 19$ | Mareh 7,'78 |
| Lowest pressure....... |  |  | Jan. 2, 1870 | March 7, 45 |
| Range of the year. |  | 28.707 | 28.166 | $28 \cdot 939{ }^{\text {2 }}$ |
|  |  | 1658 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} 2133 \text { in } \\ 1866 . \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{gathered} 1303 \mathrm{in} \\ 1845 \end{gathered}$ |

RELATIVE HUMIDITY.

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EXTENT OF SKY CLOUDED.

|  | 1891. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average } \\ \text { of } \\ 38 \text { Years. } \end{gathered}$ | Extremes. |  |
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| Average cloudiness of the year | $\begin{gathered} 0.69 \\ \text { Nov. } \\ 0.78 \\ \text { Sept. } \\ 0.36 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \cdot 62 \\ & \text { Dec. } \\ & 0^{\cdot} \cdot 77 \\ & \text { July. } \\ & 0^{\prime} \cdot 50 \end{aligned}$ | - |  |
| Most cloudy month............................... |  |  | $0{ }^{\prime} 66$ in '69'76 | 0.57 in 1856. |
| Greatest monthly average of cloudiness............ |  |  | - 0.89 | $0: 70$ |
| Least monthly average of cloudiness............... |  |  | 029 | $\ddot{0} \ddot{0}$ |

WIND.

|  | 1891. | Average of 15 Years. | Extremes. |  |
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| Resultant direction., | N. 570 W.1.637.33March.1140Sept.4200 ct 13.28.21June 10.0.47Nov. 17.$2.3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.60.0 | N. $61{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. | ..... |  |
| Resultant velocity in miles |  |  |  |  |
| Average velocitv without regard to direction... |  | 2.51 9.64 |  |  |
| Greatest monthly average velocity.............. |  | March. | 10.54 in 8 80. | $8 \cdot 32$ in 78. |
| Month of least average velocity ................... |  | $11{ }^{\circ} 49$ | Apris. 1380 | Dee., 10.42 |
| Least monthly average velocit._................ |  | July. 7 7 | July, ${ }^{5} \mathbf{7 8 .}$ | July, 1881. |
| Greatest daily average velocity.................... |  |  | Nov. 17, '80. | Feb. 10, '85. |
| Least daily average velocity...................... |  | 28.12 | 41.67 | $22^{\cdot 79}$ |
| Hour of greatest absolute velocity.............. |  | .... |  |  |
| Greatest velocity........................... |  | $43 \cdot 77$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Now } 7,80 \text {. } \\ & 3 \text { to } 4 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m} . \\ & 55.5 \end{aligned}$ | Jan. 17, '85. 10 to $11 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{m}$. 39.0 |

Notk-During the year 1891, the wind has been obtained from the records of the made with the result of former years.

RAIN.


SNOW.


SUNSHINE.

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## DIFFERENCES OF CERTAIN METEOROLOGICAL ELEMENTS FOR 1891 FROM

 THE NORMAL VALUES FOR EACH QUARTER AND YEAR.

## PERIODICAL OR OCCASIONAL EVENTS, 1891.

January. ..... 1. Very mild, heavy rain. 2nd, rapid fall of temperature, by morning o 3 rd a change of $41^{\prime}$ had occurred. 16th, Coldest day of year, average
18. R
moumerous. 21st, Woodpeckers numerous. 27th, Black Cap Tit-
February
6. Robins, Grevbirds and Bluejays numerous.

March ........26. Robins and Crows numerous. 29th, Butterflies seen
April ......... 2. Meadow Larks seen Blackbirds and Bobolinks seen.
May .......... 3. First lightning of year
First lightning of year.
Plum snow of season. 6th, Gulls flying N. 7th, Fireflies seen
Birds seen
10. Whip-poor-Will seen.

June..........11. Heavy thunderstorm: 0.62 in. of rain frost of season, 23rd
16. Warmest day of year ;
little over an hour; heavy thunderstorm; 1.28 in . of rain fell in a
August Al ittle over an hour.
October.......10. Hoar frost, first of season. 11th, Swallows last day ; 244 in . of rain fell.
November 13. First ice noted. 26th, Iast thundwallows last noted.
(19. First snow of season. 18th, First measurable snow.

December . ... 9. Larre for 9 .
27. Bluebird seen.

