### TORONTO

# GENERAL METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

FOR THE YEAR 1888.

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# REMARKS ON THE METEOROLOGICAL RESULTS AT TORONTO FOR THE YEAR 1888.

TEMPERATURE.

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The year 1888 presented with respect to its temperature several well marked features, the mean of the year was 42°.70, differing from the average of forty-eight years (1840 to 1887) to the extent of 1°.41 in defect. From January to October was a series of defects in the monthly averages only broken by a warm June, the two conluding months being warmer than their averages, the deviation of each month from their normals being:—January—7°.38, February—0°.64, March—6°.33, April—1°.94, May—1°.56, June+2°.46, July—1°.49, August—0°.39, September—1°.94, October—2°.98, November +1°.43, December+3°.83. The average deviation without regard to sign being 2°.70.

The coldest month absolutely was January, with a mean temperature of 14°.98; it was also the coldest relatively to the standard of Toronto. It was the coldest January out of 49 years with the single exception of that of 1857, the average of which was 12°.75. It is worthy of remark that all the Januarys since that of 1882 have been colder than the average, though not to such an extent as 1888.

The warmest month was, as usual, July, although it was 1°.49 below the average. June was relatively the warmest, it being 2°.46 above the proper average.

The warmest day was the 22nd of June, with a temperature of 78°.85.

In 1887 it was the 16th July; average 82°.17.

The coldest day was the 9th of February, with a temperature of 7°.08 below zero.

The highest temperature of the year was 92%,0, which occurred on the 22nd of June. The lowest temperature of the year was 16°.1 below zero on the 9th of February. The annual range derived from the extremes was

therefore 108°.1.

There were 74 instances in which the temperature at the hour of observation was depressed 20° below the normal for that hour, and only 12 instances when there was an equal deviation in excess.

During the year there was 157 days above their proper normals, and 209 days below.

BARMOMETER.

The mean pressure of the year was 29.645 inches, the difference from the average being .027 inches in excess; the highest reading was 30.432 inches at 4 p.m. on the 16th January, and the lowest 28.793 inches at 8 a. m. of the 21st March, giving a range of pressure of 1.639 inches, the month which showed the greatest deviation of the mean from the normal was April, 0.138 inches in excess. May showing the least, 0.002, also in excess.

### HUMIDITY.

The mean humidity of the year was 74 of saturation, being less than usual, the greatest monthly humidity being in January and the least in April. There were 13 instances of complete saturation, 3 in January, 2 in August, 4 in September, 3 in November, 1 in December.

The least humidity at the time of observation was 24 at two and four

p.m. of the 16th of April.

#### CLOUDS.

The extent of sky clouded was, on the average of the year, three-fifths of the whole, and for ten months the sky was more than half overcast. December was the most cloudy month, and September the most free from clouds; during the year there were 53 days completely clouded, the greatest number (12) occurring in December, none being recorded in

### WIND.

The Resultant Direction of the wind was N. 59° W.; the resultant velocity 2.67 miles; or, in other words, the actual displacement of air was that which would have been produced by a wind blowing throughout the year from that direction with a constant velocity of 2.67 miles per hour.

The mean velocity without regard to direction was 9.71 miles, or a velocity slightly exceeding the average; the most windy month was December with an average of 12.08 miles per hour, and the least windy month July, with an average of 7.75 miles. The day of greatest velocity was the 9th of March, average 25 88 miles per hour, and the day of least velocity 29th February, average 0.94 miles per hour. The highest velocity in one hour was 41.0 miles, from 10 to 11 a.m. of the 21st December. The number of hours that the wind blew from each of the eight principal points was, North I,233, North-East 760, East 1,021, South-East 484, South 824, South-West 1,201, West 1,352, North-West 1,812, and 97 calms.

#### RAIN AND SNOW.

The depth of rain was 22.819 inches, or nearly 5 inches more than fell during the previous year, but a deficiency having occurred in six months it is 4.560 inches below the average quantity. The amount of snow, was 34.6 inches, is the smallest ever recorded in any year in Toronto, the deficiency amounting to 35.7 inches, the rain and snow combined falling short of the average precipitation by 8.130 inches.

While the quantity of rain and snow was so much less the number of days on which they fell was in both cases much above the usual number, that of rain being 22 days, and that of snow 18 days, in excess. The number of days of rainfall (133) being the greatest ever recorded in any year. June was the most rainy month in respect to quantity (3.990 in.), and October in respect to frequency.

Even when snow is taken into account and reckoned as rain, June maintains the predominance in the amount of precipitation, but the max-

imum of frequency is transferred to December.

The heaviest fall of rain was 2.380 in. on the 16th September, and the heaviest fall of snow 3.0 in. on the 4th, and also on the 6th of January. This is the heaviest fall of rain in one day since the 13th September, 1878.

The rainfall occupied 534.2 hours, and the snow 268.6 hours in its fall, giving 802.8 hours or 33 days 11 hours as the total duration of the fall of rain and snow.

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Total duration of bright sunshine in the year was 2048.3 hours, or a ratio to the number of hours that the sun was above the horizon of 0.46, a number which differs only slightly from the average of the last six years, but as a large part of the deficiency occurred in May, July, and August, and as those months were above the average in the amount of cloud alsothe greater part of the deficiency (4.578 in.) of rain occurred in May and July-the disastrous effect upon the growth and ripening of the crops may

Frost occurred in every month except June, July and August, the latest in spring was on the 19th May, and the earliest in autumn on the

13th September. The last snow in spring was on the 16th of May, and the first in autumn on the 3rd of October. First record of ice on the 7th of October.

### AURORA.

Of the 21 auroral displays during the year the most brilliant occurred on the 20th May; they were most frequent in March, April, and June; none were observed in July, August, September, and December. There were 183 nights favourable for observation during the year.

### THUNDERSTORMS.

Of the 23 thunderstorms recorded in the year the earliest occurred on the 21st March, and the latest on November 6th. They were most numerous in July and August, five being recorded in each of these months.

The first schooner arrived in Toronto bay on the 5th April, and the ice

left the bay on the 10th April.

## GENERAL METEOROLOGICAL

MAGNETICAL OBSERVATORY,

Latitude 43° 39' 4. Longitude 5h. 17m. 34 6 W. Elevation

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above Lake Ontario, 108 feet. Elevation above the Sea, 350 feet.

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#### TEMPERATURE.

	Average of 48 years.		Extremes.		
A verage temperature of the year	40·70 July 66·20 Jan. 14·98 51·22 2·70 Jan. 7·38 22 June	44·11 July 67·69 Jan. 22·36 45·33 2·49 Jan. 3·90	July, 1868 75*80 Feb., 1875 10*16 	64'46 Feb, 1848 23'00	
Warmest day Average temperature of the warmest day Average temperature of the coldest day Date of the highest temperature. Highest temperature. Date of the lowest temperature Lowest temperature. Range of the year.	78·85 9 Feb. -7·48 22 June 92·0 9 Feb. -16·1	79.30	84.50 Feb. 6, 1855 Jan. 22, '59 —14.38 Aug. 24, '59	72.75 Dec. 22. '4'	

### BAROMETER.

	1888.	Average of 47 years.	Extremes.
Average pressure of the year	21 Mar. 28·793	29.5690	\$ 29.677 (in 1849

### RELATIVE HUMIDITY.

	1888.	Average of 47 years.	Extr	e <b>me</b> s.
A verage humidity of the year	74 Jan. 82 April 64	77 Jan. 83 May 70	82 in 1851 Jan., 1857 Feb., 1843	73 in 1858 Dec., 1858 81 April, 1848

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### EXTENT OF SKY CLOUDED.

	1888.	Average of 35 Years.	Extr	emes.
Average cloudiness of the year	1.63 Dec. 0.81 Sept. 0.44	0.62 Dec. 0.77 Aug. 0.50	0.66in'69.76 0.89 0.29	0.57 in 1856. 0.73 0.50

### WIND.

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1858 1858 1849

	1888.	Average of 13 Years.	Ext	emes.
Resultant direction  Resultant velocity in miles Av'e. velocity without regard to direction  Month of greatest average velocity  Month of least average velocity  Month of least average velocity  Least monthly average velocity  Day of greatest average velocity  Greatest daily average velocity  Least daily average velocity  Least daily average velocity  Least daily average velocity  Least daily average velocity  Greatest velocity  Greatest velocity  Greatest velocity  Greatest velocity	9·71 Dec. 12·08 July. 7·75	28.31	10·54 in '80. April, '80. 13'·88 July, '78 5·93 Nov. 17,'80. 41·67 Nov. 7, '80. 3 to 4 a, m. 55·5	Dec., 1875 10 42 July, 1881 8 43 Feb., 10, 85 22 76 Jan., 17, 85

### RAIN.

	1883.	Average of 48 Years.	Ext	remes.
Total depth of rain in inches.  Number of days on which rain fell.  Month on which the greatest depth of rain fell.  Greatest depth of rain in one month  Month in which the days of rain were and the strength of rain greatest number of rainy days in one for the strength of the strength	22·819 133 June. 3·990 Oct. 20 Sept. 16 2·380	27 379 111 Sept. 3·380 Oct. 13	133 in 1888. Sept., 1843. 9·760 {Jan., '69. Oct., '64.	17.574 in 74. 80 in 1841. June, 1887. 2 655 May, 1841. 11 Sept.14.48.

#### SNOW.

	1888.	Average of 45 years.	Extr	emes.
Total depth of snow in inches  Number of days in which snow fell  Month in which the greatest depth of snow fell  Greatest depth of snow in one month  Month in which the days of snow were most frequent  Greatest number of days of snow in one month  Day in which the greatest amount of snow fell	12.4	70·3 65  January 17·2  January 14  — {	122 9 in '70. 87 in 1859. March, '70. 62 4 Dec, 1872. 24 Feb. 5, '63. Mar. 27, '70.	33 in '48. Dec., 185'. 10'7 Feb., 1848.

### SUNSHINE.

	1588.	1882 to 1887.
Total duration of bright Sunshine in hours Ratio to possible amount Month of greatest relative amount Ratio to possible amount Month of least relative amount Ratio to possible amount Number of days completely clouded Day of greatest relative amount Ratio to possible amount	2048·3 0·46 June, 0·62 December, 0·22 53 October 10, 0·96	2042.7 0.46 July. 0.61 December. 0.16 74 

# DIFFERENCES OF CERTAIN METEOROLOGICAL ELEMENTS FOR 1888 FROM THE NORMAL VALUES FOR EACH QUARTER AND YEAR.

	Bar.	Tem.	Rain.	Days Rain.	Snow.	Days Snow.	Vel'ty of Wind.	Cloud- ed Sky.
Winter Spring Summer. Autumn Year.	+ ·0365 + ·0015 - ·0120	- 4·78 - 0·35 - 1·27 + 0·76 - 1·41	- 2·227 - 0·589	+ 6·52 + 0·53 + 2·56 +12·36 +21·97	-19·54 - 2·45 -13·71 -35·70	+ 8.48 + 3.90 + 5.42 +17.80	+0·33 + 0·29 + 0·12 + 0·03 + 0·08	0.00 0.00 - 0.01 + 0.05 + 0.01

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### PERIODICAL OR OCCASIONAL EVENTS 1888

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21	Keen cold day average des
February	
March 20	
	5. Redhead Woodpeckers. 30th, Hawks, Greybirds and Blackbirds.  Bobolink and Meadow Larks.
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	FIURS neard in Humber Dime.
10	Frogs heard in Humber River 5th, first Schooner arrived in Bay.  Ice left Bay. 12th, Redhead Woodpickers very numerous.  Spring birds numerous. 27th Frogs board.
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May 28	
may 2	
1,2	Orioles. 14th, Butterflies numerous.
19.	Last frost of season, Cherry in bloom.
22.	First steamer to Niagara.
June. 6	Chestnut in bloom. Fireflies numerous.
99	Wirelies numerous.
28	Warmest day of year, average 78°85.
September 14	Heaviest rainfall in one day (2.210 in.) since 13th September, 1878.  First frost of season.
16.	Heaviert roll season.
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201	Large flocks of Blackbirds. About this time Swallows seem to have quetly left, not sure of precise time.
30.	quietly left, not sure of precise time. Swallows seem to have
	Thermometer fell to 32°, first in Autumn.
	measurable and dews were very conjour competitions
October 3.	measurable quantity come in rain gauge.
November 13.	First snow of season. 7th, first ice. 2lst, first measurable snow.
	Extraordinary dense fog enveloped city immediately after the Large flocks of Crown E. E. about 2 p.m.
December. 30.	change of wind to S.E. about 2 p.m. Large flocks of Crows. Some Robins about,
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