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## TORONTO

General Meteorological Register

FOR THE YEAR 1897:

# REMARKS ON THE METEOROLOGICAL RESULTS AT TORONTO FOR THE YEAR 1897. 

## TEMPERATURE.

The mean temperature of the year 1897 was $45^{\circ} \cdot 93$, being $1^{\mathrm{e} \cdot 72}$ warmer than the average of 57 years and $0^{\circ} \cdot 57$ warmer than 1896.

The mean temperature of the several months was in ten instances above and in two below the average for their respective months, the average excess to the average defect being in the ratio of $2^{\circ} \cdot 33$ to $1^{\circ} \cdot 33$. On each of 214 days the mean temperature was above the normal of that particular day and below on 151 days. The mean temperature of cach month, with the difference from the normal, was: January, $23^{\circ} \cdot 51+0^{\circ} 76$; February, $25^{\circ} \mathrm{OI}+2^{\circ} .61$; March, $31^{\circ} \cdot 58+2^{\circ} .92$; April, $42^{\circ} \cdot 79+1^{\circ} \cdot 74$; May, $52^{\circ} \cdot 49+0^{\circ} \cdot 22$ June, $61^{\circ} 30-1^{\circ} 12$; July, $72^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} 11+4^{\circ} 49$; August, $64^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} 73-1^{\circ} .54$; September, $60^{\circ} \cdot 84+2^{\circ} \cdot 23$; October, $50^{\circ} \cdot 88+4^{\circ} 54$; November, $37^{\circ} 95+1^{\circ} .88$; December, $2^{28^{\circ}} 28+1^{\circ} .9$ I. Dividing the year into the ordinary seasons we have for Winter, $26^{\circ} 58$; Spring, $52^{\circ} 19$; Summer, $65^{\circ} 89$; Autumn, $39^{\circ}$ o6. The thermic anomalies differ from the normal temperature proper to the latitude : Winter, $-9^{\circ} \cdot 29$; Spring, $-5^{\circ} 46$; Summer, $-0^{\circ} \cdot 33$; Autumn, $-5^{\circ} 30$. normal value furing the year the observed temperature exceeded the normal value for the latitude, viz.: July, $3^{\circ} 41$. The mean daily range for $\left(20^{\circ} \cdot 57\right)$ and the least ine greatest monthly average occurring in September occurred on the 57 ) and the ( $12^{\circ} \circ 8$ ). The greatest daily range ( $36^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ ) occurred on the 16th October, and the least $\left(2^{\circ} 6\right)$ on the 9 th February. The warmest month relatively was October, estimated by its excess $\left(4^{\circ} \cdot 54\right)$ above the normal, July, the warmest abs lutely. The coldest absolutely was January $\left(23^{\circ} 15\right.$ ). October was the coldest relatively, its mean being $1^{\circ} 54$ below the normal.

The climatic difference was $48^{\circ} 96$, the warmest day was the 5 th of July, mean temperature, $81^{\circ} 62$, and the coldest the 24th January, $0^{\circ} .67$; but the warmest day relatively was the 24th January, it being $24^{\circ} 9$ above its proper normal, and the coldest the 24th December, which was $18^{\circ} \cdot 2$ below the normal. The average temperature of the warmest and coldest days from former years was $77^{\circ} 96$ and $2^{\circ} 30$ below zero. The highest temperature of the year $\left(93^{\circ} 3\right)$ occurred on the 5 th July, and the lowest ( $7^{\circ} \cdot 2$ below zero) on the 25 th of January. The annual range from these extremes was $100^{\circ} 5$, being $8^{\circ} \cdot 7$ less than 1896 and $2^{\circ} 77$ less than the average annual range. There were 28 instances in which the temperature at the hour of observation was $20^{\circ}$ above the normal and 11 when a defect of equal amount occurred. The most striking deviations from the daily normal curve of temperature have been as follows :-

## IN EXCESS.



| September30, Mean Deviation. |  |  |  |
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| do 11 | do |  | 13 |
| do 15 | do |  | 24. |
| do 16 | do |  | 14. |
| December 9 | do |  | 3. |
| do 10 | do |  | . |
| do 11 | do |  | 15.6 |
| do 13 | do |  | 12.6 |
| do 14 | do |  |  |
| do 15 | do |  |  |
| do 16 | do |  | 3. |
| do 30 | do |  | $12 \cdot$ |

## IN DEFECT.



## BAROMETRIC PRESSURE.

The mean height of the Barometer was $29^{\circ} 6319$ inches, being oool 25 inches more than the average. The month which showed the greatest deviation from the normal was September, $0^{\prime} 102$ in excess; January showing the least, o'000. Average deviation without reference to sign was small, being only $0^{\circ} \circ 3^{\circ}$. The highest reading was $30^{\circ} 353$ inches at $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. of March 7 th, and the lowest $28^{\circ} 779$ at $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. of March 24 th, giving a range of pressure of $\mathbf{r} 574$ inches.

The number of days of large abnormal variation in which the average pressure differed by two-tenths and upwards from the normal was 137, the greatest number (21) occurring in March, and least (2) in June.

## HUMIDITY.

The mean humidity of the year was 76 being equal to the average, the greatest monthly humidity was 84 , in January and December, and the least, 69 , in June. There were 16 cases of complete saturation at the hour of observation : 1 in February, 5 in March, 2 in April, 3 in October, 3 in November, and 2 in December. The least humidity of the year at the hour of observation was 24 on the 31 st of March, at 2 p.m.

## CLOUDS.

The extent of the sky clouded was on the average of the year six-tenths of the whole. October was the clearest month and December the most cloudy. During the year there were 58 days completely clouded, being 6 less than the average ( $1896-79$ ), the greatest number (II) occurring in January, none being registered in the month of August.

## WIND.

The resultant direction of the wind was $\mathrm{N} .89^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$., showing $10^{\circ}$ more southing than in 1896 , and $28^{\circ}$ more southing than in the seventeen years to 1890. The mean velocity of the wind without reference to direction was ${ }^{12} \cdot 33$ miles. The most windy month was February, with an average of 17 OI miles per hour, and the least windy was August, with an average of 8.70 miles. The windiest day was March 14th, average velocity 38.87 miles per hour, and the day of least velocity was July 8th, average velocity $2^{\circ} 50$ per hour. The highest velocity in one hour was $5 r^{\circ} \mathrm{miles}$, noon to 1 p.m. of the 26th of April.

## RAIN AND SNOW.

The total depth of rain that fell during the year was 27737 inches, being $0^{\circ} 523$ inches more than the average, and $5^{\circ} 969$ more than the rainfall of 1896 . The depth of snow, $47^{\prime} 4$ inches, was 6 inches less than the average, and $25^{\circ} 9$ inches less than the snowfall of 1896 . July was the most rainy month as to quantity ( $5^{\prime 2} 240$ ), and November with reference to the number of rainy days. September was the least rainy month, only o 395 inches having fallen.

The day of greatest rainfall was the 27 th of July, when $3: 881$ inches fell. (This is the largest amount on record in one day's rain.) There were four other days during the year on which over one inch fell.

The heaviest fall of snow in one day was $4^{\prime} \mathrm{I}$ inches on the 9 th of April. Rain fell on 110 days, being 4 less than the average number, and 6 more than in 1896 . Snow, fell on 43 days, being 21 less than the average and the same as in 1896. There were 173 days on which neither rain nor snow fell; in 1896 the number was 174 . The rain occupied 537 hours, and the snow 286 hours in its fall, giving a total of 823 hours, or 34 days and 7 hours when rain or snow was actually falling.

## THUNDER-STORMS.

Of the 19 thunder-storms occurring during the year, the first was on the 20th of March, and the latest on November II, I in March, I in April, 3 in May, 2 in June, 5 in July, 5 in August, $I$ in September and $I$ in November The most severe storms were on the 6th of June, I Ith of July Ioth and
15 th of August.

## AURORA.

Auroral displays were less numerous than in any previous year. Of the 3 observed, none were of the first class, I of the second class, I of the third class and 1 of the fourth class. There were 179 nights favourable for observation. The most brilliant display occurred on the ist of April.

## SUNSHINE.

The total duration of bright sunshine during the year was 19876 hours; number of hours the sun was above the horizon, 4463.3; ratio of registered to possible, o'45.
gENERAL METEOROLOGICAL
MAGNETICAL OBSERVATORY,
Latitude $43^{\circ} 39^{\prime} \cdot 4 \mathrm{~N}$. Longitude 5 h .17 m .3465 W . Elevation

|  | JAN. | FRB. | MAR. | APRLL. | MAY. | JUNE. | JULY. |
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REGISTER FOR THE YEAR 1897.
TORONTO, ONTARIO.
above Lake Ontario, 108 feet. Elevation above the Sea, 350 feet


TEMPERATURE

|  | 1897. | Average 57 years. | Extremes. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 0 \\ 45 \cdot 93 \\ \text { July } \\ 72.11 \\ \mathrm{January}_{23 \cdot 15} \end{gathered}$ |  | $\quad \circ$47.09in 1878July. 186875.80Feb. 187510.16 | $\begin{gathered} \circ \\ 40.77 \text { in } 1873 \\ \text { Aug., } 1860 \\ 64.46 \\ \text { Feb. } 1848 \\ 26.00 \end{gathered}$ |
| Average temperature of the year. Warmest month. <br> Average temperature of the warmest month. Coldest month <br> A verage temperature of the coldest month <br> Difference between the temperature of the warmest and coldest months. |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 45.25 | .......... |  |
|  | $48 \cdot 96$ |  |  |  |
| their respective averages of 57 years, signs of deviations being disregarded | 216 | 2.73 | $3 \cdot 56$ |  |
| Month of greatest deviation | $\begin{gathered} \text { October } \\ 454 \\ 5 \mathrm{July} \\ 81.62 \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\substack{\text { January } \\ 4.01}}{ }$ | Feb., 1875 12.24 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } 31,{ }_{72} \cdot \mathbf{7 5}{ }^{24} \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Warmest day. Average temperature of the warmest day .... |  | $\begin{gathered} 796 \\ \ldots \ldots \ldots \end{gathered}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Feb. } 6,1855 \\ \text { Jan. } 22,{ }^{2}, 59 \end{array}\right.$ | \}Dec.22,'42 |
| Coldest day . . . . . . . . . . | 24 Jan. | $\square_{-230}$ |  |  |
| Average temperature of the colde | 5 July |  | Aug. 24.15 |  |
| Date of the highest ${ }^{\text {Dampemper..... }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Date of lowest temper | ${ }^{-7} 100.5$ | -12.28 103.17 | $\begin{array}{r} -26.5 \\ 118 \cdot 2 \end{array}$ |  |
| Lowest temperature | $100 \cdot 5$ |  |  |  |

BAROMETER.


RELATIVE HUMIDITY.

|  | 1897. | Average of 50 years. | Extremes. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average humidity of the year Month of greatest humidity. Greatest average monthly humidity Month of least humidity Least average monthly humidity. | $\begin{gathered} 76 \\ \text { Decemb'r } \\ 83 \\ \text { October } \\ 35 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 76 \\ \text { January } \\ 83 \\ \text { May } \\ 70 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 82 \text { in } 1851 \\ \text { Jan., } 1857 \\ 89 \\ \text { Feb., } 1843 \\ 58 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 73 \text { in } 1858 \\ \text { Dee. } 1858 \\ 81 \\ \text { April, } 1849 \\ 76 \end{gathered}$ |

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WIND

|  | 1897. | Average of 17 years. | Extr | gemes. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Resultant direction...........................Resultant velocity in miles............. | N. ${ }_{2.42}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. |  | ...... |  |
|  |  | N. $61{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. |  |  |
| Average velocity without regard to direction. Month of grearest average velocity......... | 12.33 | ${ }^{2.51}$ |  | $\cdots$ |
| Mreatest monthly average velocity............. | Feb. | March. | $1054 \cdots{ }^{\text {in }}$, 80 | 832 in 78 |
| Month of least average velocity................... | 1701 August. | 11.49 | April, '80 | Dec. 1875 |
| Least monthly average velocity................... | $\underset{8.70}{\text { August. }}$ | July. 7.56 | 13.88 July ${ }^{\text {² }} 78$ | 10.42 |
| Day of greatest average velocity .............. | March 14. |  | $\mathrm{July}_{5.93}{ }^{\text {J }}$ | July, 1831 |
| Jay of least average velocity..................... | July 8 8. | 28.98 | Nov. $17{ }^{\prime} 70$ | Feb. 10 '85 |
| Least daily average velocity.................... | July 2 50 |  |  | $23 \cdot 79$ |
| Hour of greatest absolute velocity......... | A pril 26. <br> Noon to 1 |  |  |  |
| Greatest velocity ..................... ....... | \% $\begin{gathered}\text { n.m. } \\ 51.0\end{gathered}$ | 45.67 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April 20th, } \\ & 8 \text { to } 8 \mathrm{am} \mathrm{~m} \text {. } \\ & 60.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { an. } 17, ~ \\ 10 \text { to } 11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m} . \\ 39.0 \end{array} \end{gathered}$ |

Note.-During the year 1897, the wind has been obtained from the records of the Barracks, and no comparison has of September and from October to end of year at Stanley Barracks, and no comparison has been made with the results of former years.

RAIN.


SNOW.

|  | 1897. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Average } \\ & \text { of } \\ & 54 \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | Extr | EMES. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 122.9 in '70. |  |
| Number of days on which snow fell | 43 | ${ }^{686}$ | $87 \text { in } 1859 .$ | $33 \mathrm{in}^{\prime} 48 .$ |
| Month in which the greatest depth of snow fell Greatest depth of snow in one month.. | Dee. 13.3 | January. | March ${ }_{6} 70$. | Jan., $1899^{10 .}$ |
| Month in which the days of snow were most ; frequent.. | vec. | January. | Dec., 1872. | Feb, 1848. |
| Grcatest number of days of snow in one month. | 11 |  | 24 | 8 |
| fell | 9th Mar. | $-\{$ | Feb. 5, Mar. $27,70$. | $\} 4.6 \mathrm{Jan}{ }^{\prime} 88$ |
| Greatest fall of snow in one day......... | $4 \cdot 1$ |  | $160$ | 30 |

SUNSHINE.


DIFFERENCES OF CERTAIN METEOROLOGICAL ELEMENTS FOR 1897 FROM THE NORMAL VALUES FOR EACH QUARTER AND YEAR.

|  | Bar. | Tem. | Rain. | Days <br> Raị. | Snow. | Days Snow. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cloud } \\ \text { ed } \\ \text { Sky. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | in. ${ }_{+1}$ | $+3.91$ | $\operatorname{in.}_{-21}$ | -11.14-292 | + ${ }^{\text {p.e. }}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | - 1.202 |  |  |  | +0.10 |
|  |  | - 278 | + 0.878 | -0.74 | -083 | -8.51 | +0.02 |
|  | -012 | 172 | + 0.523 |  |  |  | .00 |

January
February March.

April....

May.....

July.
August
Septembe
October..

Novembe
Desembe

## PERIODICAL OR OCCASIONAL EVENTS, 1897.

January ....... 1. Very mild, rain and fog. 18th, lowest water of year 23 in, below zero.
February ....... 6. Heavy rain storm
March...... 6. Robins seen. 12th, Wild Geere, flying N. 17th, Harbour clear of ice. 20th. Black Birds. 22nd, Reed Birds, Grey Birds.
20. First Thunder of year. 21st, Gulls. 24th, First s.s arrival.
26. Juncoes, Wax Wings, Song Sparrows. Crocus in bloom.
30. Rlue Birds, Phoebe.

April..........4. Worms above ground. 5th, Soft Maple in bloom. 6th, Golden Crowned Kinglet. 6th, Meadow Lark.
10. Frogs piping Trailing Arbitus in bloom.
15. Highholder, Large Hawk. 19th, Pied Woodpeckers Last Snow. 21st, Last Ice.
22. Chipping Sparrows. 23rd, Swallows. Elm in bloom, Willow in bloom. Towee, Loon, Brown Thresher, Bees.
25. Dandelion in bloom

May............ 5. Swifts, Mountain Ash, Lilac, Elder, Horse Chestnut and several other trees show many almost fully expanded leaves. Wild Cherry in bloom.
6. Martin, Bobolink. 8th, Paltimore Orioles, Yellow Bird.
9. King Birds, Cat Bird.
12. Penr and Plum in bloom. 13th, Humming Bird.
14. Wild =traw verry in bloom. 17th, A pple in bloom.

27 Night Hawk, Whip-poor-will.
July........2\%. Highest water for the year $9 \cdot 5 \mathrm{in}$. above zero.
August $\ldots . . . . .10$. Most severe thunder storm
September.
September. $\ldots$ 16. Humming Birds numerou*.
October........ 8. Swallows seen for a day or two.
13-14. Dews very enpious, measurable in rain gauge.
26. Butterflies of many different kinds about.
30. First snow -only a few flakes.

November......11. Last Thunder of season.
3i. River Don frozen over.
Desember .....17. First Sleighing. 22nd, Last vessel arrived in Harbour.
24. Harbour frozen over. 25th, Sleighing in town.
31. About 2 inches of snow remaining on ground.

