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GENERAL METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

FOR THE YEAR 1899.

REMARKS ON THE METEOROLOGICAL RESULTS AT TORONTO FOR THE YEAR 1899



TEMPERATURE.

The mean temperature of the year 1893 was 45°83, being 1°53 warmer than

the average of 59 years and 1° 32 colder than 1898.

The mean temperature of the several months was in nine instances above and in three below the average for the respective months, the average excess to the average defect being in the ratio of 2°72 to 2°03. On each of 220 days the mean temperature was above the normal of that particular day and below on 145 mean temperature was above the normal of that particular day and below on 145 days. The mean temperature of each month, with the difference from the normal, was: January, 22°52+6°04; February, 19°28-3°29; March, 27°99-°085; April, 44°99+3°87; May, 55°12+2°80; June, 65°28+2°82; July, 68°77+1°01; August, 69°37+3°07; September, 56°76-1°06; October, 50°45+3°07; November, 40°58+4°40; December, 28°89+2°49. Dividing the year into the ordinary seasons we have for Winter, 23°26; Spring, 55°13; Summer, 64°97; Autumn, 39°97. The thermic anomalies differ from the normal temperature proper to the latitude: Winter,—12°60; Spring,—2°50; Summer,—1°27; Autumn,—4°36; In three months during the year the observed temperature exceeded the normal value for the latitude, viz: June, 0°68; July, 0°07; August, 0°87. The mean value for the latitude, viz: June, o°68; July, o°07; August, o°87. The mean daily range for the year was 17°51, the geatest monthly average occurring in August (24°02) and the least in December (12°13). The greatest daily range (35°1) occurred on the 23rd June, and the least (3°9) on the 24th November. The warmest month relatively was November, estimated by its excess (4°40) above the normal, August the warmest absolutely (69°-37). The coldest absolutely was February (19°28). It also was the coldest relatively, its mean being 3°29

The climatic difference was 50°00, the warmest day was the 20th of August, mean temperature, 77°43, and the coldest the 10th February, -5°42; but the warmest day relatively was the 4th January, it being 24°0 above its proper normal, and the coldest the 10th February, which was 28°5 below the normal. The average temperature of the warmest and coldest days from former years was 78°07 and 2°24 below zero. The highest temperature of the year (92°1) occurred on the 19th August, and the lowest (12°0 below zero) on the 11th of February. The annual range from these extremes was 104°1, being 8°0 less than 1898 and 0°8 more than the average annual range. There were 28 instances in which the temperature at the hour of observation was 20° above the normal and 53 when a defect of equal amount occurred. The most striking deviations from the daily normal curve of temperature have been as follows:

below the normal.

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BAROMETRIC PRESSURE.

The mean height of the Barometer was 29'637 inches, being 0'017 inches above the average. The month which showed the greatest deviation from the normal was October, 0'153 in excess; August showing the least, 0'003. Average deviation without reference to sign was small, being only 0'152. The highest reading was 30'403 at 10 a.m. of January 1st, and the lowest 28'657 at 4 p.m. of December 24th, giving a range of pressure of 1'746 inches.

The number of days of large abnormal variation in which the average pressure differed by two-tenths and upwards from the normal was 111, the greatest number

of

(18) occurring in December and the least (0) in July.

HUMIDITY.

The mean humidity of the year was 76, being equal to the average, the greatest monthly humidity was 84, in October, and the least, 70, in June. There were 25 cases of complete saturation at the hour of observation: 2 in January, 12 in February, 1 in March, 3 in May, 4 in October, 1 in November, and 2 in December. The least humidity of the year at the hour of observation was 29 on the 4th of May, at 4 p.m.

CLOUDS.

The extent of the sky clouded was on the average of the year six-tenths of the whole. June and August were the clearest months and November the most cloudy. During the year there were 44 days completely clouded, being 20 less than the average (1853-98), the greatest number (9) occurring in December, none being registered in the months of July and August.

WIND

The resultant direction of the wind was S. 77° W., showing 12° less southing than in 1898, and 22° more southing than in the seventeen years to 1890. The mean velocity of the wind without reference to direction was 10°14 miles. The most windy month was January, with an average of 16°08 miles per hour, and the least windy was August, with an average of 5°07 miles. The windiest day was January 7th, average velocity 31°13 miles per hour, and the day of least velocity was October 12th, average velocity 1°50 per hour. The highest velocity in one hour was 50°0 miles, 1 to 2 p.m. of the 12th of December.

RAIN AND SNOW.

The total depth of rain that fell during the year was 25,705 inches, being 1343 inches less than the average, and 1975 more than the rainfall of 1808. The depth of snow, *31'8 inches, was 36'3 inches less than the average, and 39'5 inches less than the snowfall of 1808. September was the most rainy month as to quantity (5'150), and October with reference to the number of rainy days. August was the least rainy month, only 0'270 inches having fallen.

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The day of greatest rainfall was the 1st of September, when 1'755 inches fell.

There were only three other days during the year on which over one inch tell.

This is the smallest yearly snow fall in the records of the Observatory.

The heaviest fall of snow in one day was 47 inches on the 19th of March. Rain fell on 105 days, being 1 more than the average number, and 7 more than in 1898. Snow fell on 40 days, being 26 less than the average and 13 less than in 1898. There were 185 days on which neither rain nor snow fell; in 1898 the number was 196. The rain occupied 466 hours, and the snow 202 hours in its fall, giving a total of 668 hours, or 27 days and 20 hours when rain or snow was actually falling.

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THUNDER-STORMS.

Of the 29 thunder-storms occurring during the year, the first was on the 15th of March, and the latest on October 24th, 2 in March, 4 in April, 4 in May, 5 in June, 6 in July, 1 in August, 5 in September and 2 in October. The most severe storms were on the 14th April, 29th May, 5th June, 7th July and 23rd September. Lightning alone on 4th July and 26th August.

AURORA.

Auroral displays were more numerous than in the previous year. Of the ten observed 1 was of the first class, 1 of the second class, 1 of the third class and 7 of the 4th class. There were 226 nights favourable for observation. The most brilliant display occurred on the 3rd of May.

SUNSHINE.

The total duration of bright sunshine during the year was 2148'2 hours; number of hours the sun was above the horizon, 4463'3; ratio of registered to possible, 0'48.

GENERAL METEOROLOGICAL MAGNETICAL OBSERVATORY, Latitude 43° 39′ 4 N. Longitude 5h 17m 34'65 W. Elevation

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL	May.	JUNE.	JULY.
Average temperature Difference from average (59 years) Thermic Anomaly (Lat. 43° 40')	$22^{\circ}52 + 0.04 - 10.28$	$-19^{\circ}28$ -329 -1542	$ \begin{array}{r} 27^{\circ}99 \\ -0.85 \\ -12.11 \end{array} $	44°99 + 3°87 - 5°21	55°12 + 2:80 - 2:98	65°28 + 2.82 + 0 68	$+68^{\circ}77 \\ +1.01 \\ +0.07$
Highest temperature Lowest temperature Monthly and annual ranges Average maximum temperature Average minimum temperature Average daily range Greatest daily range	58 8 31 13	46 2 -12 0 58 2 26 66 12 3 14 33 22 2	57 8 4 3 58 5 35 35 21 77 13 59 25 3	78 7 22 0 56 7 53 68 36 19 17 49 28 6	80·0 33·0 47·0 65·55 46·52 19·03 30·4	87 7 44 3 43 4 77 64 54 32 23 32 35 1	87 · 5 50 · 4 37 · 1 80 · 62 57 · 95 22 · 67 32 · 3
Average height of barometer at 32° Fahr. Difference from average (58 years)	20 6750		29:5314 - 0783		29 6443 + 0693	29 6460 + 0742	29 5708 - 0174
Highest barometer Lowest barometer Monthly and annual ranges	30°403 28 845 1°558	28 994	28:714	29:251	29 944 29 372 0 572	29 331	29 832 29 341 0 491
Average humidity of the air	- ⁷⁹	- ⁸⁰	+ 79	$+\frac{72}{2}$	$+\frac{72}{2}$	- ⁷⁰	- ⁷¹
Average elasticity of aqueous vapour Average temperature of dew point	0·111 20·6	0 098 18 0	0 127 23 7	0 225 37.6	0 315 46 3	0·439 55 4	0°496 58 8
Average of cloudiness Difference from average (45 years)	0:65	0·57 — ·12	+ 0.70	0:53 - 05	0:57	0 37 - 15	0 39 — 11
Resultant direction of wind	8 56	S 89 W 6:60 13:20	N 5° W 2·90 15·60	N 38° W 6 03 7 82	N 16 W 0 47 9 28	S 84 W 0 · 22 7 33	S 65 W 0.84 7.38
Total amount of rain in inches	$\begin{array}{c} 2.370 \\ +1.178 \\ 5 \end{array}$	1 180 +0 287 6	2.795 +1.351 9	-0 711 -0 711 8	$+rac{3.290}{0.262} \ 12$	0.655 -2.183 8	-1 020 -1 934 11
Total amount of snow in inches Difference from average (59 years) Number of days of snow	-12:23 9	-11:70 7	$+rac{14.8}{2.88}$	- 1.8 - 0.60 5	- 0 12		
Number of fair days Number of days completely clouded	13 5	4 2	8 7	16 1	16 2	17 1	15 0
Number of auroras observed	0 14	6 18	0 12	0 20	1 19	2 29	0 25
Number of thunderstorms Number of fogs	0	0 0	2 2	4 2	4 3	5	6 2
Number of hours of bright sunshine Number of hours of possible sunshine	98:0 285:7	140 3 291 4	128·4 369·9	227·8 406 5	216·4 461·1	291·1 46·7	319 9 470 9

REGISTER FOR THE YEAR 1899.

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

Aug.	SEPT.	Oct.	Nov.	DEC.	1899	1898	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
69°37 + 3°07 + 0°87	56°76 - 1°96 - 4°74	+3.97 -3.35	$ \begin{array}{r} 40^{\circ}58 \\ + 4.40 \\ - 2.62 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 28^{\circ}89 \\ + 2.49 \\ - 7.11 \end{array} $	+ 1:53 - 5:19	$47^{\circ}15 + 2.85 - 3.87$	$+45^{\circ}93 +1.63 -5.09$	45°36 + 1°66 - 5°66	44°:8 - 0 02 - 6 74	46°75 + 2°45 - 4°27	43°53 - 0°77 - 7°49
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TEMPERATURE.

	1899.	Average of 59 years.	Exte	REMES.
Average temperature of the year	August.	44 30 July.	47:15 in 1898 July, 18:8	40 77 in 1873 Aug., 1860
Average temperature of the coldest month	February. 19.28	January. 22.48	Feb , 1875 10 16	Feb , 1848 26 00
Average of deviat ons of monthly means from	50.09	45.58		
of deviations being disregarded Month of greatest deviation without regard to sign.	2.55 November.	2 74 January.	3·56 Feb., 1875	
Corresponding magnitude of deviation	20 Aug. 77 43	4.01	July 14, 1868 84 50	July 31, 1844
Coldest day	10 Feb. -5 42	- 2.24	Feb. 6, 1855 Jan. 22, 1859 —14-33	Dec. 22, '42
Date of the highest temperature Highest temperature Date of lowest temperature	19 Aug. 92 1 11 Feb.	91 02	Aug. 24, 1854 99 2 Jan. 10, 1859	Aug. 19, 1840 82 4
owest temperature	-12 0 104 1	-12 24 103 26	-26 5 118 2	Jan. 2, 1842 1 9 87 0

BAROMETER.

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	1899.	Average of 58 years.	Ехті	REMES.
Average pressure of the year. Month of the highest average pressure. Highest monthly average pressure Month of the lowest average pressure Lowest monthly average pressure. late of the highest pressure in the year. Highest pressure Date of the lowest pressure in the year. Lowest pressure Range for the year.	in. 29-6368 October. 29-7974 March. 29-5314 10 Jan. 30-403 24 Dec. 28-657 1-746	in. 29 6196 September 29 6667 June 29 5718 30 355 28 702 1 653	in. 5 29 6779 6 in 1849 Jan., 1849 29 8046 March, 18 9 29 4143 Jan. 8, 1866 10 940 Jan. 2, 1877 18 166 2 240 in 1393	in. 29' 5602 in 1864 June, 1864 29' 6525 Nov. 1859 2 1' 5886 Mar. 7, 1873 30' 189 June 2, 1894 29' 035 1 303 in 1845

RELATIVE HUMIDITY.

	1899.	Average of 58 years.	Exti	REMES.
Average humidity of the year Month ot greatest humidity Greatest average monthly humidity Month of least humidity Least average monthly humidity	_ 84	January. 83 May	82 in 1851 Jan., 1857 89 Feb., 1843	73 in 1858 Dec., 1858 81 April, 1849

EXTENT OF SKY CLOUDED.

	1899.	Average of 46 years.	Extr	EMES.
Average cloudiness of the year. Most cloudy month Greatest monthly average cloudiness Least cloudy month Least monthly average of cloudiness	.November	0 61 December 0 76 July 0 50	0 66 in '69 '77 0 89 0 29	0.57 in 1856 0.73 0.50

WIND.

44 '42 '40 42

	1899.	Average of 17 years.	Extremes.
Re-ultant direction Resultant velocity in miles Average velocity without regard to direction Month of greatest average velocity Greatest monthly average velocity Month of least average velocity Least monthly average velocity Day of greatest average velocity Greatest daily average velocity Day of least average velocity Least daily average velocity Least daily average velocity Least daily average velocity Hour of greatest absolute velocity	10 14 January 16 08 August 5 97 7 January	N. 61° W. 2 51 9 64 March 11 49 July 7 56 28 98	12 33 in 1897 8 32 in 187 April, 1880 17 01 July, 1878 5 93 Nov. 17, 1870 41 67 Dec. 1, 1895 41 67 Dec. 1, 1895 Jan. 17, 188 9 to 10 a. m. 64 0 12 33 in 1897 8 32 in 187 10 42 in 187 10 4

Note.—During the year 1899, the wind has been obtained from the records of the anemograph at Stanley Barracks, and no comparison has been made with the results of former years.

RAIN.

	1899.	Average of 59 years.	EXTR	EMES.
Total depth of rain in inches. Number of days on which rain fell. Month on which the greatest depth of rain fell. Month on which the days of rain were most frequent. Greatest number of rainy days in one month. Day on which the greatest amount of rain fell. Greatest amount of rain in one day.	September 5·150 October	27 138 114 September 3 248 October 13	43 555 in 1843 145 in 1890 Sept., 1843 9 760 5 Jan., 1869 Cet., 1890 July 27, 1897 3 881	17 574 in 1874 80 in 1841 June, 1887 2 655 May, 1841 11 Sept. 14, 1884 1 000

SNOW.

	1899.	Average of 56 years.	Extr	EMES.
Total depth of snow in inches. Number of daxs on 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. Greatest fa l of snow in one day.	14.8 March 11 19 March	68.1 66 January 17.2 January 15 - 8.9	122 9 in 1870 87 in 1859 March, 1870 62 4 Dec., 1872 24 Feb. 5, 1863 Mar. 27, 1870 16 0	34.6 in 1888 33 in 1848 Jan., 1895 10.5 Feb., 1848 8 4.6 Jan., '8

SUNSHINE.

	1899.	Average 1882 to 1898.
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. Month of least relative amount. Number of days completely clouded. Day of greatest relative amount Ratio to possible amount.	2148 2 0 48 July 0 68 December 0 25 44 May 24. 0 93	2046.7 0:46 July 0:60 December 0:22 62 0:91

DIFFERENCES OF CERTAIN METEOROLOGICAL ELEMENTS FOR 1899 FROM THE NORMAL VALUES FOR EACH QUARTER AND YEAR.

	Bar.	Tem.	Rain.	Days Rain.	Snow.	Days Snow.	Cloud- ed &ky.
Winter	in - '0232 + '0661 - '0161 + '0421 + '0172	$ \begin{array}{c} - 1.37 \\ + 3.16 \\ + 0.71 \\ + 3.62 \\ + 1.53 \end{array} $	in + 2.816 - 2.632 - 2.561 + 1.034 - 1.343	+ 3.70 - 5.97 - 8.61 + 2.29 - 8.59	in 21.05 - 0 72 - 14.49 - 36 26	$ \begin{array}{r} -11.38 \\ +1.09 \\ -15.79 \\ -26.08 \end{array} $	- 4.67 - 6.67 - 5.00 - 4.00 - 5.09

PERIODICAL OR OCCASIONAL EVENTS, 1899.

January 28.	Cedar Wax Wings, Woodpeckers.
February 4.	Rod-headed Woodneckers 6th Linnets 9th Lake nearly frozen across, 10th
	coldest day of year mean temperature 5 42 below zero. 24th, Chickadee.
March 13.	Robins. 14th, first thunder storm. 21st, last sleighing. 24th, blue birds
April 2.	Song Sparrows. 8th. Meadow Larks, Swallows, Bay clear of ice.
10.	Black birds, Golden Crowned Kinglet, Woodpeckers. 13th, Juncoes.
14.	Flickers, Kingfishers, Frogs piping, 15th, Phoebe.
16.	Crane, Sparrow Hawk, a few Hepatica in bloom. Butterflies, last snow of
	season.
17.	Earth worms above ground 19th, Red Maple in bloom. May Beetles.
21.	Chipping Sparrows. Brown Threshers.
24.	Reed Birds. Willow and Hepatica in full bloom. 25th, Elm in bloom. Humble
	Bees.
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May 1.	Baltimore Oriole. 2nd, Dandelion in bloom. Apple in bloom. Cherry in bloom. Wild Strawbery in bloom.
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14.	
15.	Hoar frost and thin ice. 16th, White Crowned Sparrows. 17th, White
10.	Throated Sparrows.
20.	Horse Chesnut in full bloom.
26.	Humming Birds.
June 4.	Highest water in Bay, 15 in. above zero.
July29.	Great squall on Bay.
September17.	Humming Birds numerous. 18th, Black Birds very numerous.
21.	Swallows last noted. 23rd, Heavy Hoar frost.
October 2.	Ice formed. 4th Great migration of Birds at night.
5.	Thousands of white crowned and white throated Sparrows in parks and
	gardens.
24.	
November11.	First measurable snow.
December 6.	Lowest water in Bay, 12 in. below zero. 15th, first sleighing.
28.	Bay frozen over.