## TORONTO

## General Meteorological Register

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# REMARKS ON THE METEOROLOGICAL RESULTS AT TORONTO FOR THE YEAR 1898. 

## TEMPERATURE.

The mean temperature of the year $189^{\circ}$ was $47^{\circ} 15$, being $2^{\circ} .89$ warmer than the average of 58 years and $1^{\circ} 22$ warmer than 1897 . It is the warmest year during the period covered by the present record 1840-98.

The mean temperature of th? Several months was in ten instances above and in two below the average for the respective months, the average excess to the average defect being in the rat o of $3^{\circ} 50$ to $0^{\circ} 15$. On each of 247 days the mean temperature was above the normal of that particu ar day and below on 118 days. The mean temperature of each month, with the difference from the normal, was: January, $25^{\circ} 39+2^{\circ} 96$; February, $24^{\circ} 65+2^{\circ} \cdot 12$; March, $36^{\circ} \cdot 29+7^{\circ} \cdot 5^{\circ}$; April, $43^{\circ} \cdot 44+2^{\circ} \cdot 36 ;$ May, $54^{\circ} 97+2^{\circ} \cdot 69$; Jun $=, 65^{\circ} \cdot 42+3^{\circ}$.oI ; Julv, $70^{\circ} \cdot 50+2^{\circ}$ ' 79 ; August, $69^{\circ} \cdot 72+3^{\circ} \cdot 48$; September, $02^{\circ} \cdot 80+4^{\circ} 15$; October, $50^{\circ} 29+3^{\circ} \cdot 67$; November, $36^{\circ} .06-0^{\circ} 13$; December, $26^{\circ} \cdot 3-0^{\circ} \cdot 17$. Dividing the year into the ordinary seasons we have for Winter, $28^{\circ} \cdot 78$; Spring, $54^{0.61}$; Summer, $67^{\circ} 67$; Autumn, $37^{\circ} \cdot 53$. The thermic anomalies differ from the normal temperature proper to the latitude : Winter, $-7^{\circ} \circ$ ) ; Sprinz $-3^{\circ} \circ 22$; Summer, $+1^{\circ} 44$; Autumn- $6^{\circ} \cdot 81$. In four $m$ nths during the year th observed temperature exceeded the normal value for the latitude, viz.: June, $0^{0.82}$; July, $\mathrm{I}^{\circ} 80$; August, $I^{\circ} .22$; and September. $1^{\circledR \cdot} 30$. The mean daily range for the year was $17^{\circ} \cdot 48$, the greatest monthly average occurring in July (22 $2^{\circ} \cdot 84$ ) and the least in December ( $13^{\circ} \cdot 10$ ). The greatest daily range $\left(34^{\circ} 4\right)$ occurred on the 30 th January, and the lea-t $\left(2^{\circ} \cdot 2\right)$ on the loth November. The warmest month relatively was March, estimated by its exccess ( $7^{\circ} \cdot 58$ ) above the normal, July, the warmest absolu ely. The coldest absolutely w s February ( $24^{\circ} 65$ ). December wa, the coldest relatively, its mean being $0^{\circ} 17$ below the normal.

The climatic difference was $45^{\circ} 85$, the warmest day was the ist of September, mean temperature, $80^{\circ} \cdot 72$, and the coldest the ist February,-$0^{\circ} \cdot 12$; but the warmest day relatively was the 3rd October, it being $20^{\circ} .4$ above its proper normal, and the coldest the 13 th Decemoer, which was $23^{\circ} \cdot 4$ below the normal The average temperature of the warmest and coldest days from former years was $78^{\circ \circ} 02$ and $2^{\circ} \cdot 27$ below zero. The highest temperature of the year $\left(97^{\circ}\right.$ I) occurred on the 2nd September, and the lowest (i5 $5^{\circ} \mathrm{o}$ below zero) on the 30th of January. The annual range from these extremes was $112^{\circ} 1$, being $11^{\circ} .6$ more than 1897 and $9^{\circ} 0$ more than the average annual range. There were 21 instances in which the temperature at the hour of observation was $20^{\circ}$ above the normal and 23 when a defect of equal amo nt occurred. The most striking deviations from the daily normal curve of temperature have been as follows :

## IN EXCESS



IN DEFECT.


## BAROMETRIC PRESSURE.

The mean height of the Barometer was 29.622 inches, being $0.002{ }^{1}$ inches above the average. The month wh ch showed the greatest deviation o.ool 5. Average deviation, oitho in excess; October, showing the least, o*o48. The highest reading was $0^{\circ}$ reference to sign was small, being only and the lowest 28.732 at $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. of Januaryches at $10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. of December 31 st , of r 486 inches.

The number pressure differed by two-tenths and upwards friation in which the average greatest number (17) occurring in Mards from the normal was 116, the in May.

HUMIDITY.
The mean humidity of the year was 76 greatest monthly humidity was 86 , in February equal to the average, the Th re were 39 cases of complete saturation ary, and the least, 58 , in April, January, 13 in February, 4 in March, I in June the hour of observation : 5 in and 5 in December. The least humidity of the, 3 in October, 8 in November, ti n was 18 on the 16 th of April, at $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## CLOUDS.

The extent of the sky clouded was on the average of the year six-tenths of the whole. July was the clearest month and January the most cloudy. the average ( 8853 ere were 56 days completely clouded, being 8 less than being registered in the month of August.

## WIND.

The resultant direction of the wind was S, $65^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$., showing $26^{\circ}$ more southing than in 1897, and $34^{\circ}$ more southing than in the seventeen years to 1890. The mean velocity of the wind without reference to direction was
$10 \cdot 12$ miles. The most windy month was December, with an average of 16.54 miles per hour, and the least windy was September, with an average of 648 miles. The windiest day was December 23rd, average velocity 28.70 miles per hour, and the day of least velocity was sovember 28th, average velocity $2^{\prime .12}$ per hour The highest velocity in one hour was $55^{\circ}$. miles, 5 to 6 p.m. of the and of January.

## RAIN AND SNOW.

The total depth of rain that fell during the year was $23 \cdot 820$ inches, being $3^{\prime} 406$ inches less than the average, and 3.917 less than the rainfall of 1897 . The depth o: snow, 713 inches, was 33 inches more than the average, and $23^{\prime} 9$ inches more than the snowfall of 1897 . July was the most rainy month as io quantity ( $5^{\circ} 770$ ), and also with reference to the number of rainy days. February was the least rainy month, only 0610 inches having fallen.

The day of greatest rainfall was the Ith of June, when $1 \cdot 300$ inches fell. There was only one other day during the year on which over one inch fell.

The heaviest fall of snow in one day was 16.0 inches on the 4th and 5th December. Rain fell on 98 days, being 16 less than the average number, and 12 less than in 1897. Snow fell on 53 days, being 12 less than the average and 10 more than in 1897. There were 196 days on which neither rain nor snow fell ; in 1897 the number was 173. The rain occupied 465 hours, and the snow 239 hours in its fall, giving a total of 704 hours, or 29 days and 8 hours when rain or snow was actually falling.

## THUNDER-STORMS.

Of the 34 thunder-storms occurring during the year, the first was on the ${ }^{12 \text { th }}$ of January, and the latest on October 14 th, 3 in March, 1 in April, 4 in May, 5 in June, 6 in July, 9 in August, 4 in September and $t$ in October. The most severe storms were on the ith of June, 28th of July, 16th, 23rd and 2 th of August, September 18th and 26th, October 4th. Lightning alone on November 8th.

## AURORA.

Auroral displays were more numerous than in the previous year. Of the 7 observed, none were of the first class, I of the second class, I of the third class and 5 of the 4th class. There were 210 nights favourable for observation. The most brilliant display occurred on the 14th of March.

## SUNSHINE.

The total duration of bright sunshine during the year was 2128.9 hours ; number of hours the sun was above the horizon, 4463.3 ; ratio of registered to possible, 0.48 .

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| $\begin{gathered} 0.516 \\ 59.9 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0.448 \\ 55 \cdot 9 \end{array}$ |
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| $\begin{gathered} \text { S } 56 \\ 16 \\ 1.63 \\ 7 \\ 7 \\ 27 \\ \hline 12 \\ 0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { S } \stackrel{\circ}{82} \mathbf{E} \\ 1.08 \\ 6.48 \\ 29.0 \end{gathered}$ |
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TORONTO, ONTARIO.
above Lake Ontario, 108 feet. Elevation above the Sea, 350 feet.


TEMPERATURE.


BAROMETER.

|  | 1818. | Average of 57 years. | Extremes. |  |
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| Average pressure of the year. | $\begin{gathered} \text { in. } \\ 29 \cdot 6216 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { in. } \\ & 296195 \end{aligned}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { in } \\ 29.679\end{array}\right.$ | in. |
| Month of the highest average pressure........ | March | Sep. | ${ }_{\text {Jan., } 1849} 1849$ | in 1864 |
| Highest monthly average pressure ............ Month of the lowest average pressure...... | 297472 | ${ }_{29}{ }^{\text {Sep }} 674$ | Jan., 1849 | June, 1864 <br> 296525 |
| Lowest monthly average pressure.............. | May 29.5469 | June 29.5715 | March,1859 | Nov. 859 |
| Date of the higaest pressure in the year....... Highest pressure..... | 31 Dec. |  | Jan. 8.1865 | $295886$ |
| Date of the lowest pressure in the year......... | ${ }_{23} 23$ Jan. | 30.357 | 30940 | 30 179 |
| Lowest pressure................................... | ${ }^{28} 732$ | 28.702 | Jan. 2, 1877 28.166 | June 2.1894 |
| Range for the year. | 1486 | 1'655 | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} 2 \cdot 240 \\ \text { in } 1893 \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1303 \\ & \text { in } 1845 \end{aligned}$ |

RELATIVE HUMIDITY.

|  | 1898. | Average <br> of <br> of <br> years. | Extremes. |
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WIND.

|  | 1898. | Average of .17 years. | Extremes. |  |
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| Resulta ${ }^{\text {a direction. }}$ | S. $6 j^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$.1781012Dee.$16^{\circ} 54$Sept.6.48Dec. 23.$28^{\circ} 70$Nov. 28.2.12.2nd Jan.,$5-6$ p.m.$50^{\prime} 0$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N. } 6{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{W} . \\ 2 \cdot 51 \\ 9 \cdot 64 \\ \text { March. } \\ 11 \cdot 49 \\ \text { July. } \\ 7 \cdot 56 \\ 28 \cdot 98 \end{gathered}$ | $12 \cdot 33$ in 97 A pril, 80 1388 <br> July, ${ }^{7}$ 5.43 <br> Nov. $17{ }^{\prime} 70$ 4167 | $8 \cdot 32$ in 78 Dec. 1875 1,42 |
| Resultant velocity in miles..................... |  |  |  |  |
| Average velocity without regard to direction. |  |  |  |  |
| Month of greatest average velocily ${ }^{\text {Greatest monthly average velocity............. }}$. |  |  |  |  |
| Month of least average velocity................. |  |  |  |  |
| Least monthly average velocity................ |  |  |  | Julv, 1881 |
| Day of greatest average velocity ${ }^{\text {Oreatest daily average velocity . . . . . . . . . . . . }}$. |  |  |  | \% 8 , 43 , |
| J'ay of least average velocity..................... |  |  |  | Feb ${ }_{23} 11985$ |
| Hour of greatest absolute velocity.......... |  |  | April 2 '195 |  |
| Greatest velocity.......... |  | +45.67 | $\begin{gathered} 8 \operatorname{tog} \mathrm{a} m . \\ 60^{\circ} 0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \text { to } 11 \mathrm{a} \mathrm{~m} . \\ 39^{-0} \end{gathered}$ |

Nork.-During the year 1898, the wind has been cobtained from the records of the anemograph at Stanley Barracks, and no comparison his been made with the results of
former years.

## RAIN.

|  | 1898. | Average of $5^{5}$ years. | Extremes. |  |
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| Nuinber of d $y *$ on which rain feli <br> Month on which the |  | $\begin{aligned} & 27 \cdot 226 \\ & 114 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43.555 \text { in ' } 43 \\ & 145 \text { in } 1890 \end{aligned}$ | 17.574 in 74 80 in 1841 |
| Month on which the greatest depth of rain fell. Greatert depth of rain in one month | October 5770 | Sept. | $\text { Sept, } 1813$ | June, 1887 |
| Month in which the days of rain were most frequent |  | 3.256 | $\text { \{Jan., } 69$ |  |
| frequent. <br> Greatest number of rainy days in one month... | October | Oct. | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Jan., } \\ \text { Uet.. '90 }\end{array}\right.$ | May, 1841 |
| Day on which the greatest amount of rain fell. Greatest amount of rain in one day......... | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } 11 . \\ 1300 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\text { July } 27,{ }^{\prime} 97 .$ | Sept. 14, '84 $1 \% 00$ |

## SNOW.

|  | 1898. | Average of 55 years. | Extremes. |  |
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| Total depth of snow in inches. |  |  |  |  |
| Number of days on which snow feil .......... | 53 | ${ }^{68}{ }^{0}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 122 \cdot 9 \text { in } 7070 \\ & 87 \text { in } 1859 \end{aligned}$ | $34^{\prime} 6$ in '88 33 in ' |
| Greatest deuth of snow in ont denth of snow f:ll | February | January | Maren', 0 | Jan.. 1895 |
| Month in which the days of snow were most | $21^{\circ}$ | 17 '3 | $68 \cdot 4$ | $10^{\circ} 5$ |
| Greatest number of days of snow in one month. | $\underset{14}{\text { Decemb'r }}$ | January 14 | Dec., 1872 | Feb., 1848 |
| Day in which the greatest amount of snow fell | 5 Dec. |  | Feb. 5, 6s | $\}_{4} 6: \mathrm{J}_{2} \text { ' } 88$ |
| Greatest fall of snow in one day. | 16.0 | 88 | Mar. ${ }_{160}{ }^{27,70}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 4.6Jan'88 } \\ 30 \end{gathered}$ |

SUNSHINE.

|  | 1898. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average } \\ 1882 \\ \text { to } 18 y 7 \end{gathered}$ |
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| Total duration of bright sunshine in hours. | 2128.9 |  |
| Ratio to possible amount. ......................................... | 2128.9 0 | 2041 0 |
| Ratio to possible amount........................................... | Julv | July |
| Month of least relative amount...................................... | ${ }^{0.69}$ | 059 |
| Ratio to possible amount ${ }^{\text {Number }}$ (....................................... | February | December |
| Number of days completely clouded ......................... |  | ${ }_{63}{ }^{22}$ |
| Ratio to possible amount................................................ | May 7,17 0.97 | $0 \cdot 91$ |

> DIFFERENCES OF CERTAIN METEOROLOGICAL ELEMENTS FOR 1998 FROM THE NORMAL VALUES FOR EACH QUARTER AND YEAR.

|  | Bar. | Tem. | Rain. | Days Rain. | Snow. | Days Snow. | Cloud- ed Sky. |
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PERIODICAL OR OCCASIONAL EVENTS, 1698.


The highest water in the bay during the year was 15 in . above"zero on the 19 th May, and the lowest was $9 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. below zero on the 23 rd December.

