

The average means the average obtained for fourteen years' observation, except where otherwise mentioned. January was remarkable for the great cold that prevailed in almost every part of the Dominion, and the temperature was everywhere very much below the average, in northern Ontario as much as 8·07 (11 years only). Heron Bay, on the north shore of Lake Superior, reported a temperature of -62. February was more remarkable for the exceedingly rapid changes of temperature than for anything else, the temperature having been about the average, except in British Columbia and the North-West Territories (4 years). Heron Bay again returned the lowest reading:—65. In March the temperature was above the average in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and below in Ontario and the North-West Territories; in April and May it was everywhere below the average, except in British Columbia, complaints being made in the latter month of much damage done by late frosts. In June the temperature was above the average in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and British Columbia, and below in Nova Scotia. A severe cyclone swept the Ottawa Valley on the 5th of this month, causing a great deal of damage. July was chiefly remarkable for a violent storm on the 11th and 12th, which was felt from the lakes to the Atlantic, and was almost unprecedented in violence for the time of year; the temperature was generally below the average. August and September were generally cold and wet, especially in Quebec, and the temperature was everywhere below the average, except in British Columbia. The temperature in October was 4·9 below the average at Toronto, 6·9 at Montreal, 3·0 in New Brunswick, and 1·04 at Halifax. In British Columbia it was 4·0 above. In November the temperature was about the average.

Rain and
snow fall,
1888.

19. The next table gives the total precipitation in inches during the year at the same places:—