

PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

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TOTAL PRECIPITATION IN INCHES AT THE UNDERMENTIONED PLACES IN CANADA, 1889.

PLACES.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.
Kilmahuamaig, P.E.I.....	2·42	2·78	1·63	1·78	1·25	3·34
Sydney, N.S.....	3·34	4·68	2·39	4·59	2·83	4·61
Fredericton, N. B.....	3·24	3·55	3·68	2·78	3·45	2·89
Montreal, Que.....	4·67	3·33	2·11	2·15	2·97	4·73
Toronto, Ont.....	3·46	2·37	0·99	1·59	3·14	3·55
Winnipeg, Man.....	1·51	1·03	0·35	0·99	1·72	0·45
Regina, N.W.T.....	0·25	0·60	0·46	0·47	0·81	0·13
Victoria, B.C.....	2·84	1·12	1·50	1·83	1·01	0·77

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PLACES.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Charlottetown, P.E.I.....	2·28	1·70	1·79	3·10	2·86	4·26
Sydney, N.S.....	3·17	1·15	1·65	4·49	5·17	3·54
Fredericton, N. B.....	1·26	1·82	2·52	5·22	4·18	4·63
Montreal, Que.....	7·16	2·73	4·63	3·42	3·29	4·39
Toronto, Ont.....	3·26	0·43	2·08	1·89	5·56
Winnipeg, Man.....	2·38	0·95	2·57	0·86	0·72	1·42
Regina, N.W.T.....	0·19
Victoria, B.C.....	0·00	1·04	2·33	2·08	1·76	2·28

The rainfall in the earlier months was generally below the average, particularly in March and April. In June the absence of rain in the North West Territories did much damage to the crops. In July and August the fall was generally very light, and farmers suffered accordingly. In October and November the fall was also below the average.

22. The Storm Signal Service Branch of the Meteorological Service issued 1,500 warnings of approaching storms between the 1st October, 1888, and the 30th November, 1889, of which number 1,249 or 83·3 per cent. were verified. The most notable storms occurred in January (when the Niagara Suspension Bridge was blown down) September and November, on the 27th of which latter month an easterly gale, accompanied with

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