

the eastward and there was an outpouring of cold air from the south over New Zealand. Snow was widespread on the 9th, though it did not lie long at low levels. The weather became very cold, and severe frosts followed on the 10th and 11th. On the 10th a severe thunderstorm at Warkworth was accompanied by the precipitation of enormous quantities of hail.

A second depression, which had a considerable extension in a north-to-south direction, was responsible for northerly gales on the 15th and 16th, and heavy rain fell in places. A sudden downpour at Wellington caused flooding in the city. Snow was reported in places on the 17th after the depression had passed.

The worst weather in the month resulted from a cyclonic depression which moved in a south-easterly direction across the Dominion on the 22nd and 23rd. It was responsible for general rain with many heavy falls. After it passed, on the 24th and 25th a southerly gale extended over most of the country. Heavy snowfalls occurred on all the high levels, and in the interior of Canterbury it lay for several days on some of the plains. Frequent hailstorms were experienced at many places. Severe frosts followed until the 27th, but thereafter until the end of the month the weather was mainly beautifully fine and mild.

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CLIMATOLOGICAL TABLE.
MEANS AND TOTALS FROM CHIEF STATIONS.
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