

Rev. Irl Hicks on May Weather

Predictions as to Weather Conditions During Next Month

A reactionary storm period is in progress as May comes in. Low barometer, cloudiness and rain will pass eastwardly over the country from 1st to 3rd, breaking into electrical storms in many localities on the 2nd. The reaction to higher barometer, westerly winds, and fair, cooler weather will follow in regular order immediately behind these storm areas.

A regular storm period is central on the 6th, covering the 4th to the 8th. By the 5th, western sections will show decided rise in temperature, with corresponding fall of the barometer. Cloudiness and rain will attend and move promptly eastward over the country during the 6th, 7th and 8th. The Mars period will practically fade out after this period, although its presence may be noticeable up to the 20th. A decided change to cooler, with probable frost at night, will set in behind the storms to the westward about the 7th, and during the 8th, 9th and 10th, this change to fair, cooler weather will follow close on the western sides of storm areas, reaching in its eastward progress, most parts to the Atlantic coasts. If seismic shakes are to occur during the first half of May, in every probability they will fall within three days of the 5th, or during the moon's sweep from the celestial equator on the 2nd, to the greatest declination south on the 8th.

A reactionary storm period falls on the 11th, 10th and 13th, and but for the fact that all central parts of our continent are in the focus of solar energy, storm-producing causes are about at the minimum at this period. As a rule there is an abnormal tendency to daily cycles of thunder storms for several days in succession in much of this month, but the indications are that disturbances will be light at the reactionary period. The barometer will react to higher, and change to decidedly cooler will appear from about the 12th to the 15th. It is very common for frosts to occur in most parts to the northward between the 10th and 15th of May, but there are no decided probabilities of heavy frosts at this time.

A regular storm period will be in force from the 15th to the 20th, having its center on the 18th. The moon's passage over the celestial equator on the 15th, so near its perigee on the 16th, and new on the 19th, will hasten storm conditions at this time. Sudden change to very warm will appear westward on the 15th, attended by falling barometer and other decided indications of coming storms. These conditions will widen in extent and grow more intense as they move eastward, causing a series of heavy rain, wind and thunder storms from about the 16th to the 20th. There are no abnormal reasons to apprehend dangerous storms at this time, and yet tornadoes are entirely possible. Those who observe with any degree of care will readily foresee any such danger. Heat, humidity and low barometer always precede dangerous storms, and for many hours in advance all these conditions are manifested. Even the birds and beasts show that they experience bodily discomfort with instincts of approaching danger. With a reliable barometer and hygrometer to consult, such a thing as being surprised by a tornado, or other violent storms, is simply an impossibility. These faithful instruments and always give timely warning, and no home or public building should be unprovided with them.

Another seismic period lies about the 17th to the 21st, central on the 19th. Change to higher barometer and much cooler will be natural from about the 20th to the 23rd, the change, of course being progressively from west to east, carrying with it fair and clearing weather.

A reactionary storm period is central on the 23rd, 24th and 25th. The storm diagram shows that this period is at the centre of a mercury period, which fact increases the chances of active disturbances at this time. Thick, prolonged cloudiness, with storm paroxysms on the storm days, are characteristics of the Mercury periods. Only moderate and brief change in weather conditions will take place between this and the closing storm period of the month, causing a prolonged threatening spell of weather, with possibly cooler about the 26th and 27th.

A regular storm period covers the 28th to 31st, being central on the 29th. This period is at the culmination of the Mercury disturbance and is apt to bring several days of threatening, stormy weather. From Saturday, the 29th, to June 1st, a series of daily thunder

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Separate School Transformation

New Wing to be Constructed and Re-Arrangement of Rooms to be Made

A special meeting of the separate school board was held in the separate school last Friday for the purpose of considering the plans and specifications prepared by the architect for the proposed alterations and addition to the present building.

A complete transformation will take place so far as the present structure is concerned, and when the changes are made the separate school supporters will have an up-to-date structure in every particular. A new wing will be built to the west of the school, and will contain the library and a large, airy school room. The rooms of the present structure will be thoroughly remodelled and improved. An up-to-date heating system will also be installed.

May Home Journal

The May issue of the Home Journal, Toronto, gives abundant evidence of the changes promised for the new volume, "Dear Delightful Dulwich," by Katherine Hale, is breezy and inspiring, "Around the Hearth" is a new department by Jennie Allen Moore. Domestic Science in Western Canada," by Lillian K. Benyon, is interestingly reminiscent, while the article "Our Breakfast Beverage," by M. Gaskell Knechtel, gives interesting information about coffee production and use. The prizes for the photo contest are announced in this issue, and afford an interesting exhibition of amateur photographic art. The Home Journal announces for June an increase in size and a four-colored cover with a four-page insert in tints. It will be a "Quinquennial Number," illustrating the forthcoming International Congress of Women to be held at Toronto. A full-page portrait of the Countess Aberdeen and photos of the principal delegates will be given. June will also be the bridal number, and will afford many useful hints as to wedding methods and customs.

Customs and Inland Revenue Receipts

The following are the customs and inland revenue receipts for the month of April, as compared with the same period last year.

1908	1909	
Customs	\$1979.33	\$1678.11
Inland revenue	216.00	162.63

It will be noticed that in the customs receipts there is a decrease of \$301.22, and a decrease of \$53.32 in inland revenue when compared with the returns of April, 1908.

—All the bridges on the G.T.P. between Winnipeg and Edmonton are built.
—Twenty-one residents of Fenella have formed an independent telephone company.

J. H. Carnegie Accepts an Office

Appointed Distributer of Law Stamps at \$2,200 Per Year

(Special Despatch to The Post.) Toronto, April 30.—J. H. Carnegie, M. P. P., East Victoria, was this afternoon appointed distributor of law stamps at a yearly salary of \$2,200.

The above telegram reached The Post on Friday afternoon too late for publication, and the news contained therein would seem to account for the acceptance of his resignation by the executive of the East Victoria Conservative Association, a meeting of which was held at Fenelon Falls on Thursday.

Mr. Carnegie is a gentleman held in high esteem by all classes of our people, of whatever stripe of politics and his appointment will give general satisfaction in so far as his personal interests are concerned, although his withdrawal from public life is much to be regretted. Mr. Carnegie is of the type of man of whom there are but too few in politics, and we can ill afford to spare those we have. He is a man of high character, broad-minded and in a high degree meets the desirable in a representative of the people. Many of his friends had looked forward to his elevation to a place in the government of the province, a position which he was eminently qualified to fill, and in which he might have done much good work for the province.

An election will doubtless be held, shortly to fill the vacancy, but whether there will be a contest it would be difficult to predict at this early stage.

Return of Winter Brings the Shivers

Cold and Blustery Weather - Snow Fell a Year Ago Today

Lindsay shivered and shuddered Thursday in the grip of a spring blizzard, or, as the Toronto observatory puts it, "a gale of wind accompanied by snow."

On the 30th of April last year, it will be remembered, considerable snow fell. About 10.00 o'clock in the evening the wind let itself loose, in grand style, and kept the pace up until morning. To add to the variety, rain fell in abundance, and the two elements made the hours dismal.

The weather prophets who predicted that the gale would swing around today and develop into balmy breezes from the south have another guess coming. The west was to blame for this unseemly behavior - of the weather. Good things come from the west, but bad things as well, and the weather conditions prevailing are some of them. The chill weather throughout the past few weeks had but made more strong the hope that "to-morrow" would show real spring weather. But "to-morrow," so far, has failed to materialize. Thursday was cold and stormy, last evening a rain and sleet storm joined in the revels of the weather spirits.

—Wonder if the weather will perform acrobatic stunts this month.

South Victoria Horse Show

Large Attendance of People and Some Splendid Animals Shown

The South Victoria Spring Show was held on Saturday in the agricultural park, and the event has attracted a large crowd of spectators. The exhibit of horseflesh is a creditable one, and is being greatly admired by the visitors.

The number of entries in the different classes is a large one, and includes some of the finest specimens of horseflesh in the province. The following are the entries: Imported Stallions, Draught: Wm. Weese, Salzburg; John Brock, "Silver Chain;" Geo. W. Souers & Son, Indiana, "London;" G. W. Curtis, "Scotts Fir;" Dr. E. B. Cowan, "Favorite's Heir;" R. Winslow, Durham county, "Pentland;" Jos. Staples, Ida, "Golden Gleam;" Sam Fee, "Sir Gregor;" Draught Stallions, Canadian bred: Dunn Bros. "Erskin Alexander;" Peter Morrison, Argyle, "Baron Lad;" Thos. H. Waldon, Walter Mitchell, J. D. Morrison, Argyle.

C. Lindsay, "Prince Edward;" H. Anderson, "Gordon Erskin;" Road Stallions: Road Stallions: C. Hughan, G. W. Curtis, Dr. E. B. Bowan, C. Lindsay, W. S. Armstrong.

Hackney or other carriage horses: Dr. E. B. Cowan and C. Hughan. Registered Draught Mares: Michael Coughlin, T. H. Waldon 2. Unregistered Mares: James Connolly, E. L. Williamson, Pat Leddy 3.

Dr. H. G. Reid, of Georgetown, is acting as judge, and he was assisted by James Robertson and Michael Coughlin. The committee in charge of the grounds was Messrs. G. C. Channon and Robert Reid. Johnson Ellis was the energetic president, Jas. Keith the hustling secretary, and Mr. D. A. MacKenzie most ably filled the dual position of assistant secretary and treasurer.

Bay of Quinte Conference

Programme of the Great Annual Event in Methodism

The 26th session of the Bay of Quinte Conference will be held in Bridge-st. Methodist church, Belleville, on Thursday, June 3rd, 1909. The Stationing Committee will convene in the Tabernacle church Monday May 31st, at 7.30 p.m. The Statistical Committee will meet in the Bridge-st. church on Monday May 31 at 7.30 p.m. Rev. W. P. Rogers, B. A., convener. The Ministerial Session will meet Wednesday, June 2nd, at 10 a.m. The General Session will open on Thursday, June 3rd, at 10 a.m. preceded by the Conference Prayer Meeting, commencing at 9 a.m. The Nominating, Sunday Schools, Epworth League and State of the Work Committees will meet for organization on Thursday, June 3rd, at 1.30 p.m.

Will Go to Barriefield

Pursuant to an order issued by Col. Gordon, O. C., E. O. C., the 45th Regiment will perform their annual training at Barriefield on June 15th.

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