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**NORTH LAND'S "INDIAN" SUMMER LAST OF OCTOBER**

Interesting Summary of the Weather in Temiskaming During the Past Month.

The reports published periodically as to weather conditions in this North Land as reviewed by Mr. Paul A. Cobbold, who is in charge of the Government Observation work in this line at Haileybury, make very interesting reading and no doubt are very valuable in giving those in other parts of the world a correct idea of the

North Land climate. If North Land weather is libelled, one way or another, it is not the fault of Mr. Cobbold. His reports give an absolutely accurate review on which to base correct opinions. And the North Land is not afraid of the truth. The following is Mr. Cobbold's report for October as published in the last issue of The Haileyburian:—

After a stormy, wet weather of the last days of the previous month, it cleared somewhat on the first two days of October, but the barometer continued very low with cool and showery weather, the first frost and snow coming on the 8th. From the 9th to the 13th the weather continued cool and fine with frosts every morning. On the 14th, a southwest gusty

wind set in, bringing warmer weather and considerable rain, but light winds until the 22nd, when a rather energetic "low" brought a moderate southwest gale, which was followed by an extensive "high" that lasted till the end of the month and was accompanied by fine and warm weather.

The mean temperature of the month was 43.2, 0.7 above the average. The highest temperature was 67.2 on the 14th, and the lowest 26.0 on the 11th. Previous extremes for October were: 80.1 in 1905, and 10.2 in 1907.

The total rainfall was 2.53 inches, and the total snow fall was 0.3 inches. The total precipitation was 2.59 or 0.49 below the normal. There were 15 days with 0.01 inches or more precipitation, and the heaviest fall was

0.62 inches on the 16th. Sunshine was deficient, there being only 80 hours, 33 hours less than the average. The weather of the month was, on the whole, very favorable for farm or garden work, there being sufficient fine weather to complete the raising of the potato crop, and sufficient rain early in the month to render the ground soft enough to plough well. Most of the farmers have completed their fall ploughing. I notice that a good number of gardens have been dug. This will be of very great help next spring as it will ensure an earlier planting of seed, and the heavy clays will not have to be dug while still wet in April or May, with the result that the soil will bake into solid, unbreakable chunks, as has been the case the last two or three springs. There has been the usual question asked this fall: "Shall we have Indian Summer? The answer is, I think, "The last eight days of October were the Indian Summer. "In Northern Ontario, Indian Summer is not marked as in places further south, and it is harder to recognize. The type of weather that gives Indian Summer is the anti-cyclonic type, that is a period when the barometric pressure is higher than the average, and what is called an "anti-cyclone" forms. Anti-cyclones as a rule, are accompanied by calm and fine weather, with warm days and cool nights—just the sort of weather, that is typical of the traditional Indian Summer—and just such a period was the last week of the month. Some years there are no anti-cyclones formed in the fall, in others there may be one that lasts a week as this year, or possibly there may be two or more with short intervals of rough weather between. Very often a "high" succeeds a marked "low" and as these are accompanied by rainy or snowy weather, it often happens that the "high" giving the Indian Summer is preceded by a fall of snow, thus giving rise to the idea that the Indian Summer comes "after the first snow."

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