

WEATHER RECORDS : AUGUST, 1923.

Dominion Meteorological Office.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

THE weather during August was changeable, and some very cold nights were experienced, but there was in most parts of the country more sunshine and less rainfall than is usually recorded in August. Three westerly disturbances occurred during the month. Two influenced weather conditions, each over four days, and one, in the middle of the month, accounted for unsettled conditions for about ten days. A strong southerly gale on the evening of the 20th and 21st was caused by an intensification of a disturbance centred in the neighbourhood of the Chatham Islands. Two ex-tropical disturbances passed to the north of New Zealand on the 10th and 24th respectively.

More snow than usual has been experienced during the past winter. There were some falls during August, particularly about the 20th, and the snow came low down the ranges in various places. The snow also has remained longer on the mountains than is customary.

Southerly winds were prevalent—cold and dry most of the time—and rainfalls were generally light.

RAINFALL FOR AUGUST, 1923, AT REPRESENTATIVE STATIONS.

Station.	Total Fall.	Number of Wet Days.	Maximum Fall.	Average August Rainfall.
<i>North Island.</i>				
	Inches.		Inches.	Inches.
Kaitaia	4·44	14	1·02	5·10
Russell	4·41	16	0·86	6·99
Whangarei	5·17	15	1·33	6·93
Auckland	3·19	21	0·50	4·24
Hamilton	2·44	17	0·52	4·15
Kawhia	3·22	13	0·82	4·60
New Plymouth	3·20	13	1·24	5·38
Inglewood	4·90	11	1·20	8·82
Whangamomona	3·75	12	0·93	5·80
Tairua, Thames	4·92	11	1·56	6·98
Tauranga	3·21	14	0·64	4·21
Maraehako Station, Opotiki	2·90	12	1·98	4·75
Gisborne	7·07	20	1·73	4·50
Taupo	2·08	9	1·16	4·23
Napier	3·56
Maraekakaho Station, Hastings	2·93	14	0·81	3·40
Taihape	2·26	19	0·46	2·67
Masterton	3·62	14	0·98	3·26
Patea	1·62	10	0·46	3·57
Wanganui	1·48	6	0·39	2·78
Foxton	1·56	6	0·72	2·77
Wellington	3·45	15	0·85	4·44
<i>South Island.</i>				
Westport	4·01	15	0·88	6·27
Greymouth	7·20	13	1·81	7·87
Hokitika	6·62	13	1·40	9·38
Arthur's Pass	13·17	12	4·30	13·13
Okuru, Westland	7·66	12	2·40	11·46
Collingwood	5·24	8	1·25	6·96
Nelson	1·95	9	0·66	3·06
Spring Creek, Blenheim	1·65	7	0·40	2·86
Tophouse	3·79	11	1·28	4·87