

MARTINDALE PREDICTS MILD WINTER WEATHER

(Philadelphia North American)
Predictions as to the winter weather, based on the observations of the habits of wild animals, have been made by Thomas Martindale, the well known hunter and sportsman of this city, who annually spends several weeks in the Maine woods. This is the fifth of Mr. Martindale's weather predictions. Following is Mr. Martindale's own story:

BY THOMAS MARTINDALE

For years I have been watching the habits of the lowly muskrat and that accomplished and industrious engineer and woodsman, the busy, busy beaver.

Our greatest living naturalist, John Burroughs, has always laid great store by what sort of a winter residence the first of these animals would build in the late fall, and, based upon their doings, he would venture to prognosticate the coming weather, and his predictions were always verified.

In October, 1906, I noted that the deer shed their summer coats of reddish hair and already were wearing their coats of gray; the muskrats had built their houses on the top of the highest rocks in "our lake;" the beavers not only had built their dams of extra height, but they had cut a large quantity of wood for their winter's food; the wild ducks, cranes, loons, wading birds and the woodland songsters had taken their departure for the south very early; the swamps were full of water and the lake so high that when we came out we ran our canoes down "our stream" a distance of two and a half miles in eight and a half minutes.

PREDICTED COLD WEATHER

From those various signs I predicted an early and cold winter, and the records showed that the prediction was verified with a vengeance, as it was one of the coldest winters on record in Maine.

Following this forecast I have annually ventured to predict the future weather, and in each case the predictions were amply verified. It must be remembered that my camp or "our lake" is perhaps 1,000 miles or more northeast of Philadelphia, and that is rather a long distance away upon which to base a forecast for this city, for while last winter in this section could not be called a mild winter by any means, yet in Maine it was a remarkably mild winter, for the fact that the first snowstorm of any magnitude didn't come until February. The steamers plowed through the waters of Moosehead Lake up to the first week of December, and they were in commission again in April, and as a rule the lake is not open for navigation until the middle of May.

I left the camp this year on the 8th of last October, and this was the situation there as I had found it up to that time:

Out of perhaps a couple of hundred deer which I saw during the many days of hunting upon my grounds, only three of them had gotten their coats of gray. The balance were clothed in their summer garb of red. The beaver had erected the finest and largest dam that I had ever seen constructed by these wonderful engineers. It was built but a few feet back of an old lumber dam, away up at the head of our stream. The structure was made, as usual, with alder bushes, cut down and twined together, with mud plastered upon the inside, and strengthened by many old pilings which they had removed from the old dam made by the lumberman. On top of these pilings they had placed many flat stones to hold them in place, and all were interlaced with the alder bushes. This dam had two wings, and it flooded back a section

of country perhaps a mile and a half or two miles long, with a width, in places, of 500 feet or more. Now, this dam was all finished and was "chock" full of water, and yet there wasn't a single sign that I could discover of where they had been cutting down logs for their winter's sustenance. Evidently they were resting from their labors and not at all worried about the coming winter.

MUSKRATS START TO BUILD

The muskrats, on the 18th, had not started to build upon any of the rocks which show above the surface of our lake. On the morning of the 20th, before leaving, I made a detour by canoe around a large cove and found that only the previous night a house had been started upon a rock, which then showed above the water only thirteen inches, and it should be remembered that the lake was then lower than I had ever known it to be. In fact, we had to pack all of our stuff up the stream in going in, and coming out, as well, as there wasn't enough water to float an empty canoe. About thirty yards away from the rock upon which the muskrats had started to build their house was another rock, towering some three feet four inches above the water, which the rats had built upon in 1906, but for this season they evidently were satisfied that a house built as high upon a rock as that one was unnecessary.

The ducks were still lingering on the lake. Among them were many large flocks of mergansers, a bunch of six black ducks, one old mallard drake, a pair of butterballs and a small bunch of whistlers. As we paddled round the cove one pair of great northern loons gave us one of their peculiar and hilarious laughs as a parting goodby, while two blue herons slowly flapped their wings as they arose from the shores of the lake when we skirted around it.

On going up the Penobscot river we noted a number of "rat" houses built among the rocks in the center of the river and all of them were with but a medium elevation above the water, considering the fact that when the fall rains come the river would certainly be raised considerably. Lastly, when we left the swamps were all dry. Most of the springs were without a drop of water, and many brooks were without any running water, but with here and there a little stagnant pool, showing that formerly water did indeed flow over the smooth stones of that brook.

From all of the above data I venture to predict that we will have a late fall and a moderate winter.

A SCHOOL AFFAIR.

Chatham World:—The School Board heard witnesses Monday night in support of a charge against Principal Mersereau, namely, that he had beaten two boys cruelly and called them whelps and devils. It appeared that he had given the boys two hard slaps on each hand with a leather strap. He denied calling the children names, and there was no corroboration of the boys' statement. The charge was allowed to drop.

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MARYSVILLE TOPICS

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FINAL NOTICE

After the 15th November 1910, the Golden Fleece Limited's Store, Queen Street, Fredericton, N. B., will be under new management. The Company requests its clients to have their accounts verified and settlement for balance arranged for with the new management.

The Company will allow 10 per cent. off all accounts if paid before the 25th inst., and 5 per cent. off if paid between the 25th inst. and 5th December.

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No. 327—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 18.40.
No. 329—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 22.00.

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No. 306—Suburban from Marysville 7.45.
No. 302—Express from Loggieville, Chatham Junction, 13.20.
No. 308—Suburban from Marysville 13.30.
No. 304—Mixed from Loggieville and Chatham Junction, 18.15.
No. 310—Suburban from Marysville 19.15.
No. 316—Suburban from Marysville 21.55.

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6.20 a. m.—Express for St. John, Portland, Boston, Woodstock, etc.
8.15 a. m.—Mixed for Woodstock and points North. Leaves St. Marys at 8.35.
9.45 a. m.—Express for St. John and points east.
4.30 p. m.—Mixed for Woodstock, via Gibson branch. (Daily).
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SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Extension to Breakwater at Lorneville, N. B.," will be received at this office until 4.00 p. m., on Wednesday, November 23, 1910, for the construction of an Extension to the Breakwater at Lorneville, Reed's Point, St. John County, N. B.

Plans, specification and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department and at the offices of E. T. P. Shewen, Esq., District Engineer, St. John, N. B.; Geoffrey Stead, Esq., District Engineer, Chatham, N. B., and on application to the Postmaster at Lorneville, N. B.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

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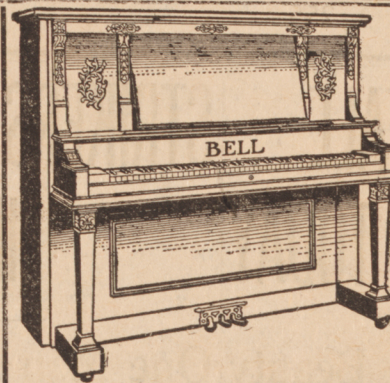
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