

METEOROLOGICAL.

Summarized, the readings for 1926 are as follows :—Barometer : Mean for year, 30·04. Thermometer : Highest, 91, in January and March ; lowest, 58, in July, August, and September ; mean maximum, 87·75 ; mean minimum, 62·41. Rainfall, 53·82 in. Rain fell on 112 days. Maximum rainfall for any one day, 10·35 in., on 22nd November (a record). As previously mentioned, the severe drought experienced from 1st September, 1925, did not break until the 22nd November, 1926. Apart from this there is nothing special to chronicle. The hurricane season passed without any serious blow. Except for a north-westerly gale and heavy seas experienced during the second and third weeks in February, shipping could have been worked throughout the season.

Meteorological Return for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.

Month.	Barometer.	Temperature.		Total Rainfall.	Number of Days with Rain.	Maximum Rain on any one Day.
		Maximum.	Minimum.			
		Deg. Fahr.	Deg. Fahr.	Inches.		Inches.
January	29·94	91	65	1·40	7	0·42
February	29·92	90	67	2·30	7	0·74
March	29·99	91	67	8·54	15	2·06
April	30·07	85	60	2·34	5	0·95
May	30·09	88	64	0·86	7	0·34
June	30·14	85	63	1·29	9	0·45
July	30·08	84	59	6·10	10	2·45
August	30·14	84	59	3·51	12	0·75
September	30·13	88	59	0·83	7	0·27
October	30·06	89	60	3·54	7	1·52
November	30·01	88	64	20·54	17	10·35
December	29·99	90	62	2·57	9	1·22
Totals	360·56	1,053	749	53·82	112	..
Means	30·04	87·75	62·41	4·48	9·33	..

Maximum temperature, 91° F., in January and March.
Minimum temperature, 59° F., in July, August, and September.
Average monthly rainfall, 4·48 in.
Average number of days with rain, 9·33.
Maximum rainfall, 10·35 in., on 22nd November (a record).

Meteorological Records.

—	Barometer.	Temperature.		Rainfall.	Days with Rain.	Maximum Rain on any One Day.
		Maximum.	Minimum.			
Highest ..	30·32 April, 1911	98 March, 1921	72 February, 1921	30·90 March, 1923	27 March, 1913	10·35 November, 1926
Lowest ..	29·66 March, 1911	82 July, 1914	54 July, 1915	0·08 June, 1915	1 July, 1911	0·06 June, 1915