SUMMARY OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR 1927.

(The observations were taken at 9 a.m.)

Station.	Mean Pressure in Inches reduced to Sea- level and Standard Gravity.	Temperature (Degrees Fahrenheit) in shade.					Sunshine.	Rainfall.	
		Mean Maximum.	Mean Minimum.	Approximate Mean Temperature.	Extremes. Maximum Minimum		Hours of Suns	Total fall (Inches).	Number of Days.
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Auckland	29.963	64.1	52.9	58.5	80·0, Jan. 24	37·0, June 16	1,928.5	5 3 ·56	201
Matamata	!	65.5	44.9	55.1	85·2, Feb. 6	22·4, July 15		50.56	157
Ruakura, Hamilton East		67.8	44.9	56.3	88·4, Jan. 27	23.6, July 15		49.92	174
Te Aroha	• •	67.9	48.5	58.2	88·0, Jan. 19, Feb. 6	24·0, June 15, July 15	• •	52.63	157
Waihi		65.8	47.6	56.7	87·3, Jan. 26	26.5, June 15	1,995.4	82.17	190
Tauranga	• •	66.3	47.6	56.9	84·0, Jan. 17, Feb. 4	30·0, July 15	• • •	60.51	165
Rotorua	• •	63.8	45.5	54.6	87.0, Jan. 28	27·0, July 16, July 18	1,997.5	58.05	149
New Plymouth		$62 \cdot 2$	48.9	55.5	80.0 Feb. 13	29·4, July 15	2,071.7	63.93	194
Taihape		57.1	$43 \cdot 1$	50.1	80·0, Feb. 14	27.7, July 14		41.15	184
Palmerston North		61.9			89.0, Dec. 26			38.37	173
Tangimoana		63 3	46.9	55.1	85.0, Jan. 30	29.0, June 14	• • •	34.01	142
Weraroa, Levin		$62 \cdot 2$	47.2	54.7	87.0, Feb. 1	29.0, July 24	1,992.7	41.86	166
Napier	• • •	64.4	$49 \cdot 1$	56.7	85·5, Jan. 24	28.5, July 16	2,298.0	31.18	133
Masterton		64.0	44.2	54.1	93·0, Feb. 14	26.8, July 16	2,080.4	43.78	162
Wellington	29.930	61.7	49.1	55.4	84·0, Feb. 1	31·2, Aug. 29	2,055.1	43.35	167
Nelson	29.899	61.8	44.8	53.3	81·1, Feb. 6	27.9, July 15	2,560.4	36.43	113
Hokitika	30.014	59.7	44.0	51.8	75.0, Jan. 31	26.5, June 20	2,143.1	107.96	188
Hanmer Springs Christchurch	29.886	$60.2 \\ 60.2$	39.2	49.7	95·0, Feb. 14 89·2, Feb. 7	19.0, May 12	2,135.2	45.45	$\frac{134}{135}$
4 1 1	,	60.2	$\frac{43.0}{40.7}$	$51.6 \\ 50.4$	89·2, Feb. 7 94·0, Feb. 14	25.8, June 2, 5 23.0 , May 12,	• • •	$21.36 \\ 26.43$	139
Ashburton	••	00.2	40.7	50.4	94.0, 160. 14	May 13, June 5	•••	20.49	199
Lake Tekapo		56.3	33.6	44.9	86.0, Feb. 13	4.0. June 20	2,742.8	19.24	58
Timaru		59.9	41.6	50.7	90·4, Jan. 20	24.0, July 1	2,030.0	20.58	139
Waimate		59.2	40.8	50.0	87.0, Jan. 17	23·0, July 2	2,169.6	26.80	131
Waipiata		57.3	37.3	47.3	84.8, Feb. 14	12·0, June 19	2,275 6	17.80	133
Ophir		58.8	36.7	47.7	87.9, Feb. 13	8.7, July 2		15.00	82
Dunedin	29.887	58.2	42.6	50.4	85 0, Jan. 18	29·0, June 17	1,630.6	46.63	169
Gore		58.8	39.2	49.0	87·0, Feb. 13, Feb. 14	18.0, June 21	2,021.0	34.70	186
Invercargill		57 ·0	41.2	49.1	85·0, Feb. 14	24.0, June 19, July 1	1,444.2	43.72	226

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BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT.

The buildings and equipment have been kept in good order and condition. The Observatory grounds are kept in good order by the Wellington City Corporation.

ASTRONOMY.

Astronomical Observations.

Observations of the meridian transits of stars and the sun have been made for the purpose of controlling the time service. The meridian transits of the sun are observed on every fine day, except on Saturdays, Sundays, and Government holidays, and the stars are observed whenever necessary.

Reception of Radio Time Signals at the Observatory.

The following radio time signals were received at the Observatory: Mean-time signals from Honolulu, 228; Malabar, Java, 216; Nauen, 205; Bordeaux, 57; Kavite, 55; Annapolis, 4. Scientific time signals were also received at the Observatory as follows: Nauen, 111; Bordeaux, 42; Rugby, 1.