

## WORST IN DOZEN YEARS

Deep Snow and Coldest Weather  
Since February, 1899.

### FIVE TO TEN INCHES.

Mercury Gets Down to 10 Above Zero at Fayetteville, With Nearly Five Inches of Snow—Colder and More Snow in Other Places in North Carolina and Elsewhere.

Within the past week this section has been visited by the coldest weather and the deepest snow seen here in ten years or more. Not since February, 1899, has the temperature been as low as it was Saturday, when it reached down to 10 degrees above zero, having fallen from 30 within 24 hours. For fourteen hours prior to Saturday night snow fell steadily, forming a depth of something like five inches. In February, 1899, the mercury reached five degrees below zero, it is said, but not since then had it been so low as the point reached Saturday. The snow began Friday night. Saturday morning there was already on the ground what would pass for a big snow in this locality, but the end was not yet. All day long and into Saturday night it snowed continuously, sometimes moderating somewhat, then more heavily, while a stiff stinging wind blew from the north. After nightfall it ceased and by ordinary bed time the sky was clear. The snow was of the fine, fluffy, flakey, variety, light as feathers. Sunday the temperature rose and that night was much more comfortable than either Friday or Saturday nights, which were the bitterest nights experienced here in years.

Such a snow, being entirely unusual, was altogether unexpected, and many were found unprepared for it, who might have prepared by laying in a supply of fuel and provisions, covering, etc., if they had anticipated such weather. But, as in all cities, there were those in Fayetteville who were unable to prepare to keep comfortable through such weather even if they had had ample warning. So the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce held a called meeting at four o'clock Saturday afternoon and took steps to provide fuel for those in distress from poverty, and during the day Sunday wagons were busy delivering coal to those in need.

The entire eastern and middle sections of North Carolina were covered in snow, but it seems to have been deeper near the coast than in the Piedmont region. The cold wave extended over the entire South east of the Mississippi river, while the North Atlantic states were in the grip of extreme cold, local snows visited the Lake region and rain and snow covered the entire South Atlantic States region.

Many states experienced the heaviest snow fall of a dozen years. The only state in the eastern half of the South exempted was Florida. A counter disturbance over central Florida prevented the cold wave from entering the peninsula, and little damage to fruit and vegetables there is expected.

At Wilmington an eight-inch fall of snow was reported.

Newton was practically cut off from the outside world.

Concord had the heaviest snow in years.

The mercury is reported to have dropped to eight in New Bern.

Ten inches of snow was the report from Lumberton.

Durham reported the most severe blizzard since February 1899.

From Norfolk the report came that all rivers and tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay were frozen and traffic tied up.

A temperature of nine degrees above zero was reported at Raleigh.

Greensboro reported the severest weather in years.