

# HEAVY DAMAGE DONE BY STORM

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Virginia and North Carolina Are  
Visited by Snow, Sleet  
and Rain.

Greensboro, N. C., March 7.—The storm that raged through the Piedmont section of North Carolina this morning did much damage. At Sanford, in Lee county, poles carrying electric power and light wires broke beneath the weight of the worst sleet storm in that section in history, and the town to-night is reported in darkness. Telephonic and telegraphic communication was badly interrupted. Snow shovels were required at Oxford, Granville county, to remove the eight inches of snow which fell last night and this morning.

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## Farmville Has Deep Snow.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Farmville Va., March 6.—The deepest snow of the winter fell throughout this section last night and to-day. It began shortly after dark and continued throughout the night and nearly all forenoon to-day. It reached a depth of ten inches.

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### **Heaviest of Winter.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Christiansburg, Va., March 6.—The heaviest snow of the winter fell here last night and this morning, being seven inches deep when it stopped at 2 o'clock. Six inches fell Sunday, making thirteen inches in forty-eight hours, more than had fallen in the entire winter, and more than has fallen for twenty-five years in March.

### **Snow and Rain at Suffolk.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Suffolk, Va., March 6.—Another heavy snow fell in this section early to-day, followed by nine hours of rain. Old residents say this has been as a whole the hardest winter since 1857. Farmers are more than four weeks behind in their work.

### **Five Inches and Still Snowing.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Norwood, Va., March 6.—Snow fell here last night to the depth of five inches, and is steadily coming down to-day.

### **Ten Inches at Arvonla.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Arvonla, Va., March 6.—Ten inches of snow fell here last night and to-day. Two inches already were upon the ground from Sunday night's snow. All work in every slate quarry in the Buckingham slate field, six in number, has stopped absolutely, not a hand reporting for duty. It will be some days before the vast cover of snow can be removed so work in the quarry can be resumed.

Farmers are satisfied on account of the cover which the snow makes for the wheat and grasses, and banner

crops of both are expected this summer.

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### **Heaviest in Twenty-five Years.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Danville, Va., March 6.—The heaviest snow known at this time of the year for the past twenty-five years fell here during the early hours of the morning. It snowed continuously for twelve hours, and when measured in open places it was eight inches. The street car service was disorganized until 11 o'clock this morning.

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# WINTER SHOWS IT CAN COME BACK

## Hopes of Spring Dashed by Heaviest Snow of Years.

Gripped by the heaviest fall of snow of the winter, Richmonders plodded their way yesterday through ankle-deep slush, traffic being seriously impeded, and all outdoor business at a standstill. The snow of Sunday had not gone when late Tuesday night another fall began, and continued without intermission for twelve hours. Seeing that the streets were almost impassable for little people, that few sidewalks had been cleared and that street car service was interrupted, Superintendent J. A. C. Chandler ordered the public schools closed for the day, and the "no school" signal was rung on the fire bells just at 8 A. M., for the first time in several years. Suburban and through train service suffered, and snow plows were working throughout the night on street car tracks with fair success. Although the snow fall ceased about 11 o'clock, it was succeeded by a dismal drizzle which dampened every one and drove pedestrians early from the streets. Only minor damage was reported by the telephone and telegraph companies, as the storm was not accompanied by high winds and the snow did not cling sufficiently to bring down any number of wires by its own weight.

### Teams Have Hard Going.

Delivery wagons had hard going for a time. Many a coal bin was impoverished by the long, hard winter, and coils on the dealers were insistent, while double teams with barely half a load struggled over the slippery streets to supply the demand. In all about six inches of snow fell, but the fine rain of the afternoon served to take some away. The thermometer stood just above freezing until night, and there was some thawing, enough to keep the footways wet and disagreeable.

The Weather Bureau at midnight indicated rain and unsettled weather for to-day.

Building operations throughout the city, which had been resumed after the prolonged cold of January and February, were practically suspended by the freezing. Contractors report that never before in their experience has there been so protracted and continuous a cold winter as this year, when the ground has not thoroughly thawed out since late in December.

The condition of many streets in the outlying sections of the city are almost impassable. Frost twenty-two inches deep has uprooted the surface, and the vehicles which have ploughed through have left the streets as uneven as a corn field. This last snow has put the Engineer's office almost at its wits end to satisfy complaints, for the work of restoring some of the worst streets had been barely begun when the storm came.

An illustration of the continuous cold weather is shown in the case of Fifth Street, between Main and Franklin, which has been closed to traffic since December 22. On top of the stone which has been placed there, the Engineer's Department proposes to put a blanket of asphalt, making a hard and smooth surface. This character of paving can only be laid when the rock bed is dry and thoroughly thawed out, since the top course is poured on at a temperature of more than 300 degrees. With a week of clear weather,

temperature of more than 300 degrees. With a week of clear, sunny weather the work could be finished, but since the street was closed there have not been three consecutive days in which work of this character could be prosecuted.

Beverly Street, which the city undertook to grade late in the winter, is a morass impassable, except on stepping stones, and many stores are refusing to deliver in that section of the city. Cary Street and Grove Avenue from the Boulevard to the new city limits were graded late in the fall, and for a long distance are made on new earth fills, which have never dried out, and with the continued snows and wet weather have become bottomless and impassable.

#### **Building Is Halted.**

In the Building Inspector's office it was estimated that more than \$5,000,000 of building operations were being held back by bad weather, and thousands of workmen have been laid off from day to day in the constant hope that better times are coming for open-air construction.

Early yesterday Superintendent Henry Cohn, of the Street Cleaning Department, had his men hauling snow from the banking and business sections, sufficiently clearing Main Street and some other thoroughfares to allow a resumption of business, though every line of trade felt the stagnation of the stormy weather, and every man took time to express his opinion of the groundhog and the Weather Bureau.

The Associated Charities and the various missions of the city worked faithfully to meet the emergency conditions of a snowbound city with many poor and destitute people, but the long winter has already impoverished the funds of these associations, and in many worthy cases their aid had to be curtailed for lack of sufficient means to meet the demands.