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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

Dr. Charles F. Brooks,
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discusses:

THE MIGRATORY WINTER OF 1923-24

Winter holds his court where unusually large volumes of cold air are rapidly moving southward. The cold, heavy air enters like a wedge from the north, raising the warmer air in its path, and so causing the formation of dense clouds and the precipitation of a heavy blanket of snow. In the winter of 1923-24 these conditions obtained successively for short periods in widely separated regions, although the season as a whole was mild and open.

In October, Winter visited the central Appalachians and central Rockies. Late in November, Winter settled for awhile on the western plateau region and again visited the central and southern Rockies. In December, Winter even penetrated into northern Mexico, and also appeared in full regalia around Quebec. At the close of the holiday season and again later in January, Winter was found on the march from Alaska to Georgia. By the end of January Winter settled down in the northeastern United States and southern Ontario, his accustomed haunts, which he had hitherto visited but briefly. Thence he made occasional terrific raids southward, especially across the upper Lake region.

(Tomorrow: Average March Weather)

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