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TROPICAL GALES IN CANADA

Whether a tropical cyclone should be called by that name after it leaves the tropics is a question concerning which authorities differ. Be this as it may, storms of tropical origin have a way of traveling far and wide over the temperate zone and they often retain enough of their original "pep" to stir up a great deal of trouble in high latitudes.

One of the three known West India hurricanes of the year 1927 was responsible for much loss of life and damage to property to the Maritime Provinces of Canada and on the fishing banks.

The so-called Nova Scotia cyclone of August, 1873, was another terror from the tropics. After inflicting enormous losses on shipping along the coast of the United States, this storm destroyed nearly 900 buildings in Canada and Newfoundland, including Labrador. Breakwaters, wharves, docks, bridges, railways and growing crops also suffered, and there was great loss of life. The largest amount of destruction was wrought on the coast of Nova Scotia.

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