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Winter cyclones! At this time of year cyclones have reached their greatest development. The wind speed is greatest and there is a greater contrast between the weather in different parts of the storm than in summer. In winter the first indication is a falling of the barometer, accompanied by a big area of nimbus, or rain cloud, from which rain or snow generally fall, the wind then being in the southeast or south. As the pressure falls further, snow and wind may increase until the windshift line has arrived. Then the wind will shift suddenly to the northwest, the pressure will begin to rise, and the steady snow turns to flurries which will gradually cease, followed by clear cold weather.