“Again I observe the river breaking up (from the bank). The thin and rotted ice “,” saturated with water “,” is riddled with oblong open places “,” whose prevailing form is curving commonly up-stream “,” though not always “,” –i.e. southerly here. Has this anything to do with the direction of the prevailing winds of winter “,” which make the waves bend southerly? Since the cold of a week ago–they may be of older date—I see many tracks in the earth “,” especially in plowed fields “,” which are cracked up into vast cakes in some places “,” apparently on the same principle that ice is.”

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