

Throughout the summer months visitors are struck by the steady fine weather enjoyed and the absence of thunderstorms. Although the local precipitation is so light ample quantities occur within a short distance which insure the best of water supplies for all purposes, including power and light.

As the average lowest temperature of the coldest month here is decidedly above the freezing point, Victoria is indeed the "Evergreen City of Canada." The general appearance of our winter foliage and green grass proclaim this most emphatically.

VICTORIA'S CLIMATIC CONDITIONS BROUGHT THE ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY HERE

The selection of Victoria as the location for the great new Dominion Observatory was due solely to this city's splendid climatic advantages. For more than two years investigations were carried on throughout the whole of Canada for the purpose of choosing the best site, and finally Victoria was decided upon, because it is the best site available, not merely in all Canada but on the entire continent, owing to the low range of temperature and the steadiness and clearness of the atmosphere.

GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

When the decision to locate the Dominion Observatory at Victoria was reached in 1914 the following announcement was made by the Government:

"The Dominion Government has reached the important decision of installing on Little Saanich Mountain, a short distance from Victoria, an Astronomical Observatory carrying a 72-inch reflecting telescope, which will be larger than any in use at the present time in any part of the world.

"After the most exhaustive expert investigation, covering practically every part of the Dominion, Victoria has been chosen as the site because of its superlative climatic and atmospheric conditions. As soon as our data had been compiled respecting this locality, all doubt vanished as to where the choice should be."