

Typical Water View Victoria

Victo::a holds a remarkably favorable record of only 27.46 inches, while at Beaver Lake, only five miles distant, the amount rises to 34 inches and at Goldstream, at an elevation of over 1,700

feet, and only thirteen miles from Victoria, the average amount is 66 inches.

The figures for Nanaimo show an increase for that portion of the Eastern coast of Vancouver Island, while those for Vancouver represent in a general way the average annual amount on the lower Mainland. Halifax represents an Atlantic Coast station.

The heaviest amounts of precipitation in Western British Columbia are brought to our shores from the Pacific in the great atmospheric disturbances which spread inland over this province in winter. The moisture-laden air first meets the mountains of the West Coast where heavy rain is general. The same air in passing the comparatively low land and open country about Victoria loses a remarkably small amount of precipitation, while at the elevation of Goldstream Lake much more is recorded, and the heavy fall to the west of the Mainland mountains prove the presence of vast quantities of moisture still in the air.

The remarkable absence of fogs in this vicinity, which is due to the open country about us and the almost constant movement of the air, is a great factor in connection with the building up of an important shipping port such as Victoria is rapidly becoming.

The large amount of bright sunshine enjoyed here is remarkable. The average yearly amount is 2,068 hours, that is, NEARLY SIX HOURS PER DAY.