

Rivers. The rivers all run from the eastern and western sides of the province to the lower levels in the middle, draining into Hudson Bay. The principal rivers are: Red, Assiniboine, Winnipeg, Pembina, all having several tributaries.

CLIMATE. Climate conditions are uniform throughout the province. There is much sunshine. Summers are warm. Winter starts suddenly in November or December. The cold is steady, with a clear, dry atmosphere. Snow on the prairie averages 1 ft. deep. Chief rainfall is in June and July.

Temperature and Rainfall. According to the table compiled for Heaton's Annual by the Meteorological Office at Toronto, the mean annual temperature and average annual precipitation at different points is as follows:

	Temperature	Rainfall
Brandon.....	33.5	15
Channel Island.....	30.9	17
Dauphin.....	34.6	17
Elkhorn.....	34.6	17
Hillview.....	31.1	20
Minnedosa.....	34.1	17
Morden.....	36.9	19
Portage la Prairie.....	35.2	17
Sourisford.....	33.0	14
St. Albans.....	31.4	17
Treherne.....	34.9	17
Winnipeg.....	38.8	22

EDUCATION.—PUBLIC SCHOOLS. A school district may be formed as soon as there are ten children of school age in a section. The government grant to public schools consists of 75c. per day for 200 days' operation each year, and the municipal grant is \$1.20 per day for the same period. In 1917 the attendance at the public schools was 106,588.

Consolidated Public Schools. About 10% of the rural territory in the Province has been consolidated, and the children are conveyed to the schools from their homes in this area. Greater efficiency is secured by this method.

School Gardens, Fairs, Etc. 50% of the Schools have gardens. Over 100 school fairs are held annually when boys and girls compete in tests in agriculture and economic subjects, including practical woodworking, growing fodder, corn and potatoes, raising pigs and poultry, bread making, sewing, preserving, weed naming, etc.

Higher Education. There are in the province 9 collegiate institutes, 4 collegiate departments, 23 high schools, 67 intermediate schools.