

the eastern continent. The isothermal of 65° , for the three summer months, crosses the Red river in latitude 50° , and rises on the Mackenzie to latitude 60° .

The summer rains, too, throughout Canada, are similar to those in Europe in the same latitudes from the Mediterranean to the Arctic, being somewhat uniform during the agricultural months, but more copious in Canada.

South of the boundary between Canada and the United States west of the Mississippi, are the areas of summer droughts—the lighter shades on the maps—a rainless, treeless, desolate region, similar in position on this continent and in the character of the country to the desert areas of the old world—the one beginning on the western coasts of Mexico and California and extending to British America on the north, and over half the continent eastward; the other beginning on the western coast of Africa near the same latitude as the American desert, and extending north-eastward or east by north over Africa, Palestine, Independent Tartary and Maushire Tartary, nine thousand miles in the direction of the prevailing winds.