

Winter Out. With reference to horses, in all parts of the Peace River I find that horses "winter out" and come through in good shape, being able to paw their way through the snow to the feed below, of which there is an abundance.

All live stock do well, but in the Dominion Block this industry cannot be developed to any great extent by the individual, due to the fact that it is only possible for him to homestead one quarter-section. To the north and east of Fort St. John there is almost unlimited summer range for large herds of cattle, but, as the same conditions prevail as to land-settlement, it would be impossible to obtain sufficient area unless a person was able to lease a large tract of land for a number of years. A few tracts are already leased for this purpose, notably one held by Tremblay's Ranch, near Pouce Coupe.

CLIMATE.

No records have been kept of rainfall and temperatures in the Pouce Coupe District, and the only figures I could find available in the Peace River country were those obtainable from Mr. McDougall, manager of the H.B.C. post at Hudson Hope.



Looking over Hudson Hope from the north

These records have been kept for the last eighteen months for the Dominion Meteorological Service, and can therefore be assumed to be correct. They are as follows:—

1916.	Total Precipitation.	1917.	Total Precipitation.
April	0.21-	January	0.81†
May	0.00*	February	1.00‡
June	0.02*	March	0.05†
July	4.20*	April	0.82‡
August	0.00*	May	3.50*
September	1.48*	June	2.27*
October	0.67†	July	1.74*
November	1.10†	August	2.00*
December	0.50†	September	0.08*

Taking the twelve months, September, 1916, to August, 1917, this gives a total precipitation for the twelve months of almost 17 inches. (Snow in each case has been reduced to rain figures by melting.)

High.—The highest temperatures recorded were: 87 degrees, July 18th, 1917; 92 degrees, August 20th, 1916.

* Rain. † Snow. ‡ Snow and rain.