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EDITORIAL

THE HEAT

With us, as with all who are still unacclimatized, the burning question of the day is the heat. It is an all-absorbing topic in very truth for it has absorbed most of our energy and left us vwith little, if any, interest in matters such as the vvar and the price of eggs.

"Howv hot is it today?" is asked almost invariably when two of us meet and the ansvvers range all the vway from 100° F. in the shade to Hades. It is rather difficult to obtain official figures, but our x-ray expert, Pte. Roe, vwho is vvise vvith the vv wisdom of one vwho has been there before, as one realizes, vvith a keen pang of jealousy, on entering the cool recesses of his sanctum, has been good enough to furnish us vvith a record of maximum temperatures as accurately calculated as is possible. His figures shovv that on June 15 the temperature rose as high as it ever has this year up to time of vvriting, that is, 99° F. The

follovviug day it dropped 6° and continued to drop until on the 19th it was only 87°. Then it jumped again, and on June 21 vvas 99° again. This was our most unbearable day for there vvas hardly a puff of vvind and the atmosphere vvas close and suffocating in the extreme. On June 23 it vvas not so bad, a gathering of clouds bringing promise of rain (not yet fulfilled) and lovvering the thermometer to 88°. Records kept by some other members of the unit, vv which have run as high as 102° and 103° cannot be regarded as accurate, as they have been taken inside marques where the radiation of heat is misleading.

Considering these figures one vvould think that vve should not find the vv weather so very trying for it has been knovvn to go as high as, and even higher than this on the Pacific Coast of Canada. But it must be taken into account that here there is practically no shade at all. The heat beats down on a dun-colored, hard-baked, bald stretch of country and is reflected vvith a tvvofold intensity, and,

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