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The question in Western Canada day is not so much how to make a ing as where to make it. The interest of the can settle in a locality possess a mild, temperate climate, excellent neational and social advantages, in mificent natural scenery and abundate game and game fish, and with eopportunities of making a good ing are the same, if not better, the districts where these conditions not exist, would be extremely foo not to choose such a country.

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farming, poultry-raising, dairying, an especially for fruit growing. Of cours there is land equally as good in othe parts of Canada, but even that i doubtful in reference to its suitabilit for fruit-growing; but when you consider its climatic and scenic advantages, that it is dotted with small provincial townships in which there is on or more excellent schools, and that it i within easy reach of a thoroughly un to-date and charming city, and othe cities on the mainland of B. C. and the United States, we wonder that more of the settlers who have come into West ern Canada during the past few year have not found their way to the districts around Victoria.

There is, perhaps, one obvious teasof for this, namely, that for years there There is, perhaps, one obvious reason for this, namely, that for years ther has been no government land for sale and that most of the agricultural land has been farmed by the original settler in rather large holdings. There has been, therefore, no special inducement for real estate agents or others to spend any money in advertising, and no great prominence has been given to the possi-Even now it is a rare thing to find Victoria real estate agent advertisi the country. That this is a serio mistake there is no doubt, because do mistake there is no doubt, because during the past few years things around Victoria have changed wonderfully, and there are hundreds of people who would be attracted to our lovely part of the country if their attention were drawn to its advantages. The local demand that has grown up for almost everything that the farmer, the dairyman and the poultry-raiser can produce, and the market for our fruit that has been opened up in Manitoba and the Northwest, and the willingness of the larger farmers and property owners now to cut up their holdings into small-blocks, have so changed conditions as to admit of a very large immigration of people who have some means and who would like to use what they have in making a living in pleasant surroundings, or in adding to there present income. I, therefore take the liberty of giving you a few particulars about this

your readers.

The very first consideration when deciding upon a new place of residence, is weather conditions. No matter what other advantages a country may possess, climate is the most important fac-THE CLIMATE OF VICTORIA.

Victoria has a climate devoid of extremes of heat or cold, and much similar to that of the south of England. There are, practically, but two seasons, spring and fall. Zero weather, sunstrokes and prostrations fro mthe heat, are afflictions only known to Victorians through newspaper reports from other parts of the world. Her proximity to the Pacific ocean, and the flow of the Japan current past her shones, keep the temperature of the winter above freezing During the summer months the prevailing winds are from the south-east, which passing over the snow-capped valling winds are from the south-east, which passing over the snow-capped Olympian mountains and the straits of Juan de Fuca, are comfortably tempered before reaching the city of Victoria. No day is so hot as to be uncomfortable, and no night so warm as to warrant discarding the blanket. The thermometer rarely registers, even on the hottest days in summer, over 80 deg. The winter climate is the most moderate in Canada, the average lowest temperature for the last three years being 40 deg. above zero. The rainfall is the least of any city on the coast north of San Francisco, and it is a serious mistake not to recognize that there is not as much wet weather here as in England. The rainfall for Victoria and other coast cities is shown by the following extract:

Mr. Wilson, of the C. P. R. telegraphs

Mr. Wilson, of the C. P. R. telegraphs has furnished the following interesting figures, showing the rainfall during the past year at different points in the Province:

Vancouver, 64.76, inches.

New Westminster, 63.21 inches.

Chilliwack, 62.35 inches.

Victoria, 26.47 inches.

Colonist, 1903.

THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE COUNTRY.

Victoria City and its suburbs have become famous for their scenic attractions. Many of the farms that are spread over the surrounding country are in the most picturesque situations that it is possible to imagine. Writing upon the scenic attractions of Victoria, Mr. E. F. Knight, in the London Morning Post, said:

"The country immediately outside the town is singularly beautiful; the undulating promontory being covered with woods of pine and fir, and a lovely wild jungle of arbutus, roses, flower-