

The climate of Vancouver Island approximates closely to that of Great Britain, modified by the special circumstances of its geographical position. The proximity of the snow-capped Olympian mountains, has a marked effect upon the summer temperature, which is never intensely hot, while the Japan current, striking the west coast, brings with it moisture and heat, which tempers the severity of the winter. The yearly average temperature at Victoria is 48.84 degrees. The highest summer temperature is 87 degrees, lowest 41 degrees. Lowest average winter temperature 21 degrees, highest 57.4 degrees. The yearly rainfall averages 31.29 inches, snow 16.06 inches. Heavy snowfalls are exceptional and the snow disappears in a few days, sleigh drives being one of the rarest treats enjoyed by Victorians. On the west coast and at the north end of the Island the rainfall is very heavy, but snow is almost unknown. The discomfort of the rainy season is amply compensated by the luxuriant green of the grasses and the bright hues of flowers which bloom the winter long—it is counted a severe winter indeed when there are no roses in the gardens on Christmas Day.

Unlike many mild climates, that of Vancouver Island is healthful, there is no malaria, no endemic diseases, and the health department takes every possible precaution to prevent epidemics. Children thrive wonderfully in this favored land, and the aged and feeble find new life in its balmy, invigorating air.

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