

The following tables show the temperature, rainfall, snowfall and bright sunshine for the three years last past, at Victoria, viz.: 1910, 1911 and 1912. These tables are compiled by E. Baynes Reed, Superintendent of the Dominion Government Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C.

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| Average temperature .....           | 1910 ..... | 49.6                       |
| Average temperature .....           | 1911 ..... | 48.8                       |
| Average temperature .....           | 1912 ..... | 50.33                      |
| Total rainfall .....                | 1910 ..... | 35.36 inches               |
| Total rainfall .....                | 1911 ..... | 22.55 inches               |
| Total rainfall .....                | 1912 ..... | 29.53 inches               |
| Yearly snowfall .....               | 1910 ..... | 8.8 inches                 |
| Yearly snowfall .....               | 1911 ..... | 16.35 inches               |
| Yearly snowfall .....               | 1912 ..... | 3.20 inches                |
| Bright sunshine registered for .... | 1910 ..... | 1,878 hours and 36 minutes |
| Bright sunshine registered for .... | 1911 ..... | 1,932 hours and 36 minutes |
| Bright sunshine registered for .... | 1912 ..... | 1,661 hours and 12 minutes |

The entire table for 1912 is herewith given to show the equability of temperature, and ratio of rainfall, and precipitation. It will be seen that even in November, December, January and February, there is considerable bright sunshine registered. The equability of all these conditions have been generally the same for the past 20 years, and because of the intersection of the isothermal lines before mentioned, cannot be aught else than permanent. Living and business conditions, therefore, are unequalled in Victoria.

| 1912                                 | Jan.  | Feb.  | Mar.   | Apr.   | May    | June   | July   | Aug.   | Sept.  | Oct.   | Nov.  | Dec.  | Year    |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| Highest Temperature                  | 52.5  | 53.9  | 58.3   | 61.8   | 84.2   | 85.9   | 89.8   | 81.8   | 78.4   | 63.2   | 55.4  | 49.6  | 89.8    |
| Lowest Temperature                   | 23.5  | 28.5  | 27.2   | 30.2   | 37.9   | 41.2   | 45.5   | 41.2   | 41.7   | 33.    | 30.3  | 31.4  | 23.5    |
| Rainfall .....                       | 3.83  | 3.14  | 1.43   | 1.30   | 1.56   | .99    | 1.15   | 2.26   | .66    | 2.33   | 5.04  | 5.84  | 29.53   |
| Snowfall .....                       | 3.20  | ..... | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  | ..... | ..... | 3.20    |
| Total Precipitation..                | 4.15  | 3.14  | 1.43   | 1.30   | 1.56   | .99    | 1.15   | 2.26   | .66    | 2.33   | 5.04  | 5.84  | 29.85   |
| (Rain and snow)                      |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |         |
| Duration of Bright<br>Sunshine ..... | 44.24 | 95.48 | 196.54 | 115.18 | 211.48 | 225.06 | 218.30 | 193.06 | 186.54 | 117.42 | 32.48 | 22.54 | 1661.12 |
| (Hours and minutes)                  |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |         |
| Mean Temperature..                   | 40.6  | 43.0  | 42.5   | 48.6   | 56.0   | 59.1   | 61.9   | 59.9   | 57.2   | 48.6   | 45.2  | 41.3  | 50.33   |

In reducing snowfall to rainfall, 1" of snow is equivalent to 0.1" of rain

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The agricultural settlements on Vancouver Island, near Victoria, along the line of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, and at Comox, are the oldest in British Columbia, and the excellence of their products has more than a local reputation. Island poultry, Island mutton and pork, Island strawberries, cherries, plums and apples, and Island butter command the highest prices, and such is