

Kursk and Voronesh, in lat. 51, are the most southern of the points of special interest in Middle Russia. I fancy their climate to be rather colder than that of sheltered city gardens in Montreal, about as cold, I should say, as our exposed mountain slope at Abbotsford.

Kiev is decidedly milder, more like Toronto.

St. Petersburg is in lat. 60, so far North that the stars cease to be visible during two months in summer, the sun is too short a distance below the horizon. A cold coast climate; a Gaspé or Anticosti climate, one would suppose. A cool short summer, a long changeable winter, not colder on an average than Montreal, but subject to greater extremes of sudden cold. Early terminate growth is the special characteristic needed here.

Warsaw is a cold North German, rather than a Russian steppe climate.

I have to tender my thanks to Mr. Robert P. Scott, Secretary of the Meteorological Office in London, for his kindness in having prepared for me a table of the temperatures, humidity, &c., of certain points in Russia and Germany, and by way of contrast, of Canada also.

These tables are a great help towards our forming a correct idea of those climates from which we may expect so many of our future fruits.