

OFFICE, BOARD OF TRADE,

MONTREAL, 10th October, 1881.

SIR,

Herewith please receive the Replies to the several Inquiries contained in your letter of 14th June last, which I promised to make with as much care and fulness as possible. Some difficulties incident to obtaining the kind of information which it seemed necessary to furnish, have been the occasion of much longer delay than was anticipated; and I trust this will be accepted as a sufficient apology for what might otherwise look like dilatoriness. The questions have been answered in their order, as given in your communication; and the table of Contents, along with the frequent references which occur from one page to another, will materially assist in ascertaining particulars given under the several headings.

As regards the variety of information adduced in the section entitled "*Climatology of Canada*," permit me to remark here, that there is so much misapprehension, if not misrepresentation, current almost everywhere beyond the limits of the Dominion about its climate, that it seemed necessary to give such a diversity of data as might serve to disabuse the popular mind of its misconceptions in that respect. I feel encouraged to hope, that an examination of the records of meteorological observations given on pages 24 to 29 inclusive, will satisfy candid investigators that the climate of Canada is very far from being either polar or equatorial.

In compiling the information embodied in the following pages, I was compelled to have the "matter put in type," for the purpose of securing accuracy, especially in the numerous tables of figures,—for it seemed as if that could not be satisfactorily attained, had a copy or copies been prepared in manuscript.

Trusting the effort I have made will meet your expectations, and be of service to the Chancellor of the German Empire,—

I am, SIR,

Your obedient servant,

WM. J. PATTERSON,

*Secretary.*

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