

The bad season commences in the month of November and ends in April. This is the hot season, during which abundant rains fall and when almost every year, at least for many years past, the region is devastated by violent cyclones.

The good season lasts from April to November. The fevers which strike Europeans during the bad season, without however causing death, are much less violent during the cool season.

The inhabitants of these islands are cannibals and live in a state of constant warfare among themselves. The tribes are unimportant, and a deep hostility exists between the people of the interior and those of the sea-coast. The Neo-Hebrideans are indolent, and exert themselves only so far as is necessary to obtain certain vegetables upon which they live, as the yam, the taro and the sugarcane, which with fish, shell-fish, the bread-fruit, the banana, the coconut, the Spanish potato and pork, constitute their diet.

Coffee does very well in this archipelago, and tobacco gives surprising results. The leaf is tough and resembles much the finest product of Havana. It is reported that gold, copper and nickel have been found.

The principal ports in which ships can find a shelter, are Port Sandwich (Malicolo), Port Villa and Port Havannah (Sandwich Island) and Port Olry (Santo).

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