

CLIMATE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.



GENERALLY speaking, the climate of this Province greatly resembles that of the European countries lying within the same parallels of latitude, and extending from the British Isles to the Baltic Provinces. Owing to the tempering effect of the Pacific Ocean, the winters on the Coast are remarkably mild and the summers cool. Heavy rains occur in winter on the west coast of Vancouver Island and on the western side of the Coast Mountains on the Mainland, while on the eastern portion of Vancouver Island the precipitation is comparatively light, and at the southern extremity about Victoria it is remarkably so, while the amount of bright sunshine exceeds that recorded at other British Columbia stations.

Throughout the interior of this Province the precipitation and temperature vary greatly, according to local physical conditions. In some districts between the mountain ranges the rainfall is so light that irrigation is necessary and maximum summer temperatures range from 90 to 100 degrees.

The climatic reports herewith furnished as to the various districts of the Province will give accurate information respecting the temperature, precipitation, and sunshine during the years 1916, 1917, and 1918.