

Hudson's Bay Company offered for sale in 1887 upwards of 4,200,000 skins. The lakes and rivers abound in fish, especially whitefish and lake trout. The committee point out that the valuable whale fisheries of the northern coasts of Canada are being rapidly destroyed by foreign whalers, and suggest that the Government should adopt some measures for their protection. The climate of this region in some places resembles that of western Ontario.

Climate. 14. The climate of Canada is dry, healthy and invigorating, and owing to the great area of the country, extending over 20 degrees of latitude, or from the latitude of Constantinople to the North Pole, has a wide range of temperature. The extreme dryness of the atmosphere, however, makes both cold and heat less acutely felt than the readings of the thermometer would lead people to expect. In the Maritime Provinces the climate somewhat resembles that of the British Isles; in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba the summers are warm and the winters cold, but the cold is pleasant and bracing, and the snow that generally covers the ground during the winter is of the greatest benefit alike to the farmer, the lumberman and the merchant. In the North-West Territories cattle graze at large all through the winter months; and on the Pacific slope, west of the Rocky Mountains, the climate is milder than in any other part of the Dominion.

Climate. 15. The popular idea in other countries for a long time was; and indeed to a certain extent still is, that Canada is a country of perpetual winter, and normally covered with snow, and Canadians themselves are to a large extent to blame for the continuation of the idea, by almost invariably representing Canadian winter scenes in their pictures, by writing descriptions of winter amusements and pastimes alone, and, if desirous of sending their portraits to friends in other countries, by being always represented in winter