

costume, with probably a snow-covered forest or frozen lake in the back ground. The facts are, that the average winter is about four and a-half months, and though the spring may begin two or three weeks later than in England the conditions for rapid growth—warm sunshine and rain—are so favorable that the crops of the two countries are about equally advanced by the middle of July, and as during the last few years the country has become better known it is beginning to be understood that though the winters are at times severe they are healthy and enjoyable, while the summer weather is not surpassed in the most favored parts of Europe. That the climate is superior to that of England is admitted by all who have experienced both.

16. An examination of the following table, compiled from the report for 1885 (the last issued) of the Superintendent of the Meteorological Service, and giving the highest, lowest and mean temperature at 105 different places in Canada, will afford the best evidence of the truth of the foregoing remarks:

Tempera-  
ture and  
rain fall,  
1885.