

except that it has a greater summer heat with less humidity. In the vicinity of Victoria the highest temperature in the shade in July and August ranges from 80° to 90° Fahr., while in winter there are rarely more than 10 degrees of frost.

64. The following table, giving the dates of opening and closing of navigation at Montreal and Toronto during the last twenty-two years, affords the best evidence of the actual length of the winter in the central provinces.

Closing and Opening of Navigation at Montreal and Toronto in the years 1870 to 1893, inclusive.

YEAR.	Montreal.		Toronto.	
	Closing.	Opening.	Closing.	Opening.
1870-71 . . . . .	December 18 . . . . .	April 8 . . . . .	December 24 . . . . .	March 11.
1871-72 . . . . .	do 1 . . . . .	May 1 . . . . .	do 21 . . . . .	April 12.
1872-73 . . . . .	do 8 . . . . .	April 25 . . . . .	do 10 . . . . .	do 14.
1873-74 . . . . .	November 26 . . . . .	do 25 . . . . .	November 26 . . . . .	March 16.
1874-75 . . . . .	December 13 . . . . .	May 3 . . . . .	December 18 . . . . .	April 16.
1875-76 . . . . .	November 29 . . . . .	April 27 . . . . .	November 30 . . . . .	do 11.
1876-77 . . . . .	December 10 . . . . .	do 17 . . . . .	December 18 . . . . .	March 25.
1877-78 . . . . .	January 2, '78 . . . . .	March 30 . . . . .	do 19 . . . . .	do 9.
1878-79 . . . . .	December 23 . . . . .	April 24 . . . . .	do 26 . . . . .	do 25.
1879-80 . . . . .	do 19 . . . . .	do 17 . . . . .	do 19 . . . . .	February 19.
1880-81 . . . . .	do 3 . . . . .	do 21 . . . . .	November 22 . . . . .	April 16.
1881-82 . . . . .	January 2, '82 . . . . .	do 11 . . . . .	January 2, '82 . . . . .	February 13.
1882-83 . . . . .	December 9 . . . . .	do 27 . . . . .	December 9 . . . . .	April 14.
1883-84 . . . . .	do 16 . . . . .	do 22 . . . . .	do 21 . . . . .	do 8.
1884-85 . . . . .	do 18 . . . . .	May 5 . . . . .	do 19 . . . . .	do 25.
1885-86 . . . . .	do 7 . . . . .	April 24 . . . . .	January 8, '86 . . . . .	March 20.
1886-87 . . . . .	do 4 . . . . .	May 1 . . . . .	December 4 . . . . .	April 12.
1887-88 . . . . .	do 23 . . . . .	April 29 . . . . .	do 24 . . . . .	do 11.
1888-89 . . . . .	do 14 . . . . .	do 14 . . . . .	do 20 . . . . .	March 15.
1889-90 . . . . .	do 29 . . . . .	do 14 . . . . .	March 1, '90 . . . . .	do 15.
1890-91 . . . . .	do 3 . . . . .	do 14 . . . . .	December 28 . . . . .	do 20.
1891-92 . . . . .	do 17 . . . . .	do 13 . . . . .	January 5, '92 . . . . .	do 31.
1892-93 . . . . .	November 30 . . . . .	do 24 . . . . .	December 22 . . . . .	April 7.

\* These dates do not represent the actual length of the open season since both at the beginning and at the end of the season, time has to be allowed for vessels to arrive and take advantage of the "clear" channel in spring and to depart for winter quarters in the late autumn.

65. The following table, obtained from Mr. Charles Carpmael, Director of the Meteorological Service, gives the latitude, longitude and elevation above the sea of 220 places in the Dominion,