

CHAPTER II.

PHYSIOGRAPHY.

§ 1. General Description of Australia.

1. **Geographical Position.**—(i) *General.* The Australian Commonwealth, which includes the island continent of Australia proper and the island of Tasmania, is situated in the Southern Hemisphere, and comprises in all an area of about 2,974,581 square miles, the mainland alone containing about 2,948,366 square miles. Bounded on the west and east by the Indian and Pacific Oceans respectively, it lies between longitudes 113° 9' E. and 153° 39' E., while its northern and southern limits are the parallels of latitude 10° 41' S. and 39° 8' S., or, including Tasmania, 43° 39' S. On its north are the Timor and Arafura Seas and Torres Strait—on its south the Southern Ocean and Bass Strait. The extreme points are “Steep Point” on the west, “Cape Byron” on the east, “Cape York” on the north, “Wilson’s Promontory” on the south, or, if Tasmania be included, “South East Cape.”

(ii) *Tropical and Temperate Regions.* Of the total area of Australia nearly 40 per cent lies within the tropics. Assuming, as is usual, that the latitude of the Tropic of Capricorn is 23° 30' S., its correct value for 1925 is 23° 26' 56.55", the areas within the tropical and temperate zones are approximately as follows :—

AUSTRALIA—AREAS OF TROPICAL AND TEMPERATE REGIONS.

(STATES AND TERRITORY PARTIALLY WITHIN TROPICS.)

Areas.	Queensland.	Western Australia.	Northern Territory.	Total.
	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.
Within Tropical Zone	359,600	364,000	426,320	1,149,920
Within Temperate Zone	311,500	611,920	97,300	1,020,720
Ratio of Tropical part to whole State ..	0.535	0.373	0.814	0.530
Ratio of Temperate part to whole State ..	0.465	0.627	0.186	0.470

Thus the tropical part is roughly about one-half (0.530) of the three territories mentioned above, or about five-thirteenths of the whole of Australia (0.386).

2. **Area of Australia compared with Areas of other Countries.**—It is not always realized that the area of Australia is nearly as great as that of the United States of America, that it is four-fifths of that of Canada, that it is over one-fifth of the area of the whole of the British Empire, that it is more than three-fourths of the whole area of Europe, and that it is about 25 times as large as Great Britain and Ireland or Italy. This great area, coupled with a limited population, renders the solution of the problem of Australian development a particularly difficult one. The areas of Australia and of other countries are given in the following table :—

AREA OF AUSTRALIA AND OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

Country.	Area.	Country.	Area.
Continental Divisions—	Sq. miles.	Asia—	Sq. miles.
Europe	3,870,823	Russia	5,460,390
Asia	15,971,969	China and Dependencies ..	4,279,170
Africa	12,637,674	British India and Adminis- tered Territories	1,094,300
North and Central America and West Indies	8,598,135	Arabia	1,000,000
South America	7,134,175	Feudatory Indian States ..	711,032
Australasia and Polynesia ..	3,464,891	Persia	628,000
Total, exclusive of Arctic and Antarctic Conts. ..	51,677,667	Dutch East Indies	572,950
		Turkey	483,656
		Japan (and Dependencies) ..	260,738
		Afghanistan	245,000
		Siam	200,148
		Iraq (Mesopotamia)	143,250
		Philippine Islands	115,026
		Laos	82,604
		Oman	82,000
		Bokhara	79,440
		British Borneo, ² Brunei, and Sarawak	77,106
		Cambodia	67,550
		Syria	60,000
		Nepal	54,000
		Tonking	40,530
		Annam	39,758
		Federated Malay States ..	27,606
		Cochin China	26,476
		Ceylon	25,332
		Khiva	24,310
		Malay Protectorate (inc. Johore)	22,486
		Bhutan	20,000
		Armenia	15,090
		Aden and Dependencies ..	9,000
		Palestine	9,000
		Timor, etc. (Portuguese In- dian Archipelago)	7,330
		Cyprus	3,584
		Goa, Damao, and Diu ..	1,638
		Straits Settlements	1,600
		Kwantung	538
		Hong Kong and Dependen- cies	391
		Wei-hai-wei	285
		Bahrein Islands	250
		French India (Pondicherry, etc.)	196
		Kwang Chau Wan	190
		Maldivo Islands	115
		Macao, etc.	4
		Total, Asia	15,971,969
		Africa—	
		French Sahara	1,500,000
		Anglo-Egyptian Sudan ..	1,014,400
		French Equatorial Africa ..	982,049
		Belgian Congo	909,654
Europe—			
Russia	1,680,730		
France	212,659		
Spain	194,800		
Germany	182,213		
Sweden	173,105		
Poland	149,359		
Finland	132,550		
Norway	124,964		
Rumania	122,282		
Italy and annexed Pro- vinces	119,624		
Serb, Croat, and Slovene State	96,134		
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	94,633		
Lithuania	59,633		
Czecho-Slovakia	54,207		
Greece	49,022		
Bulgaria	39,814		
Iceland	39,709		
Hungary	35,911		
Portugal	35,490		
Azerbaijan	33,640		
Austria	32,369		
Irish Free State	27,000		
Georgia	25,510		
Latvia	25,000		
Spitzbergen, Bear and ad- jacent islands	25,000		
Albania	17,374		
Denmark	17,144		
Estonia	16,955		
Switzerland	15,975		
Netherlands	13,204		
Belgium	11,752		
Turkey	10,882		
Luxemburg	999		
Danzig	754		
Andorra	191		
Malta	122		
Liechtenstein	65		
San Marino	38		
Monaco	8		
Gibraltar	2		
Total, Europe	3,870,823		

AREA OF AUSTRALIA AND OF OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Country.	Area.	Country.	Area.
			Sq. miles.
AFRICA—<i>continued.</i>	Sq. miles.	AFRICA—<i>continued.</i>	
French Sudan	648,480	Comoro Islands, Mayotte, etc.	790
Tripolitania and Cyrenaica	580,000	St. Thomas and Principe Islands	360
Angola	484,800	Seychelles	156
South African Union ..	472,347	St. Helena	47
Rhodesia	440,000	Ascension	34
Portuguese East Africa ..	428,132		
Territory of the Niger ..	404,914	Total, Africa	12,637,674
Egypt	383,000		
Tanganyika Territory ..	365,000		
Abyssinia	350,000		
Mauritania	347,400		
Nigeria and Protectorate	335,700		
South-west Africa	322,400	North and Central America and West Indies—	
Bechuanaland Protectorate	275,000	Canada	3,729,665
Madagascar	224,721	United States	3,026,789
Morocco	223,800	Mexico	767,198
Algeria (inc. Algerian Sahara)	222,180	Alaska	590,884
Kenya Colony and Protec- torate	212,000	Newfoundland and Labra- dor	162,734
Cameroon (French)	166,489	Nicaragua	51,660
Upper Volta	154,400	*Greenland	46,740
Italian Somaliland	154,000	Honduras	44,275
Ivory Coast	121,976	Cuba	44,164
Uganda Protectorate	110,300	Guatemala	42,353
Rio de Oro and Adrar	109,200	Costa Rica	23,000
French Guinea	92,640	Santo Domingo	19,332
Gold Coast Protectorate (with Nth. Territories)	80,000	Salvador	13,176
Senegal	74,112	Haiti	10,204
British Somaliland	68,000	British Honduras	8,598
Tunis	48,300	Jamaica, inc. Turks, Caicos and Cayman Is.	4,431
Eritrea	45,754	Bahamas	4,404
Dahomey	42,460	Porto Rico	3,435
Liberia	40,000	Trinidad and Tobago	1,976
Nyasaland Protectorate ..	37,890	Leeward Islands	715
Cameroon (British)	31,000	Guadeloupe and Dependen- cies	688
Sierra Leone and Protec- torate	31,000	Windward Islands	516
Togoland (French)	22,000	Curaçao and Dependencies	403
Portuguese Guinea	13,940	Martinique	385
Togoland (British)	12,600	Barbados	166
Basutoland	11,716	Virgin Islands of U.S.A. ..	132
Spanish Guinea (Rio Muni, etc.)	10,810	St. Pierre and Miquelon ..	93
Spanish Morocco	7,700	Bermudas	19
Swaziland	6,678		
French Somali Coast	5,790	Total, N. and C. America and W. Indies	8,598,135
Gambia and Protectorate	4,134		
Cape Verde Islands	1,480	South America—	
Sokotra	1,382	Brazil	3,285,318
Zanzibar	1,020	Argentine Republic	1,153,119
Réunion	970	Peru	532,047
Ifni	965	Bolivia	514,155
Mauritius and Dependencies	809	Colombia (exc. of Panama)	440,846
Fernando Po, etc.	795		

* Danish colony only. Total area has been estimated as between 827,000 and 850,000 square miles.

AREA OF AUSTRALIA AND OF OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Country.	Area.	Country.	Area.
SOUTH AMERICA—<i>continued.</i>	Sq. miles.	AUSTRALASIA AND POLYNESIA	Sq. miles.
Venezuela	393,874	<i>—continued.</i>	
Chile	289,828	British Solomon Islands ..	11,000
Ecuador	174,155	New Caledonia and Depen-	
British Guiana	89,480	dencies	8,548
Uruguay	72,153	Fiji	7,083
Paraguay	61,647	Hawaii	6,449
Dutch Guiana	54,291	New Hebrides	5,700
Panama	32,380	French Establishments in	
French Guiana	34,740	Oceania	1,520
Falkland Islands and		Territory of Western Samoa	1,250
St. South Georgia ..	5,618	Gilbert and Ellice Islands	1,011
Panama Canal Zone ..	524	Marianne, Caroline, and	
		Marshall Islands ..	960
		Tonga	385
		Guam	210
		Samoa (U.S.A. part) ..	77
		Norfolk Island	13
		Nauru Island	10
Total, South America ..	7,134,175	Total, Australasia and	3,464,891
		Polynesia	
Australasia and Polynesia—			
Commonwealth of Australia	2,974,581		
Dutch New Guinea ..	160,692		
New Zealand and Depen-			
dencies	103,862		
Territory of New Guinea	91,000		
Papua	90,540	British Empire	13,369,664

The figures quoted in the table have, in most cases, been extracted from the Statesman's Year Book for 1925.

3. Areas of Political Subdivisions.—As already stated, Australia consists of six States and the Northern and Federal Capital Territories. The areas of these, and their proportions of the total of Australia, are shown in the following table :—

AUSTRALIA—AREA OF STATES AND TERRITORIES.

State or Territory.	Area.	Percentage on Total.
	Sq. miles.	%
New South Wales	309,432	10.40
Victoria	87,884	2.96
Queensland	670,500	22.54
South Australia	380,070	12.78
Western Australia	975,920	32.81
Tasmania	26,215	0.88
Northern Territory	523,620	17.60
Federal Capital Territory ..	940	0.03
Total	2,974,581	100.00

4. **Coastal Configuration.**—(i) *General.* There are no striking features in the configuration of the coast; the most remarkable indentations are the Gulf of Carpentaria on the north, and the Great Australian Bight on the south. The Cape York Peninsula on the extreme north is the only other remarkable feature in the outline. In Year Book No. 1, an enumeration of the features of the coast-line of Australia was given (see pp. 60 to 68).

(ii) *Coast-line.* The lengths of coast-line, exclusive of minor indentations, of each State and of the whole continent, and the area per mile of coast-line, are shown in the following table:—

AUSTRALIA—COAST-LINE AND AREA PER MILE THEREOF.

State.	Coast-line.	Area per Mile of Coast-line.	State.	Coast-line.	Area per Mile of Coast-line.
	Miles.	Sq. miles.		Miles.	Sq. miles.
New South Wales(a)	700	443	South Australia	1,540	247
Victoria.. ..	680	129	Western Australia	4,350	224
Queensland ..	3,000	223	Continent (b) ..	11,310	261
Northern Territory	1,040	503	Tasmania ..	900	29

(a) Including Federal Capital Territory.

(b) Area 2,948,366 square miles.

For the entire Commonwealth of Australia this gives a coast-line of 12,210 miles and an average of 244 square miles for one mile of coast-line. According to Strelbitski, Europe has only 75 square miles of area to each mile of coast-line, and, according to recent figures, England and Wales have only one-third of this, viz., 25 square miles.

(iii) *Historical Significance of Coastal Names.* It is interesting to trace the voyages of some of the early navigators by the names bestowed by them on various coastal features—thus Dutch names are found on various points of the Western Australian coast, in Nuyts' Archipelago, in the Northern Territory and in the Gulf of Carpentaria; Captain Cook can be followed along the coasts of New South Wales and Queensland; Flinders' track is easily recognized from Sydney southwards, as far as Cape Catastrophe, by the numerous Lincolnshire names bestowed by him; and the French navigators of the end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth century have left their names all along the Western Australian, South Australian, and Tasmanian coasts.

5. **Geographical Features of Australia.**—In each of the earlier issues of this Year Book fairly complete information has been given concerning some special geographical element. The nature of this information and its position in the various Year Books can be readily ascertained on reference to the special index following the index to maps and graphs at the end of this work.

6. **Fauna, Flora, Geology, and Seismology of Australia.**—Special articles dealing with these features have appeared in previous Year Books, but limits of space naturally preclude their repetition in each volume. As pointed out in 5 *supra*, however, the nature and position of these articles can be readily ascertained from the special index.

7. **Changing of German Place Names in Australia.**—The following German place and district names in Australia were changed during the Great War, as follows:—*New South Wales*—Germanton to Holbrook, German's Hill to Lidster, German Creek to Empire Vale; *Victoria*—Germantown to Grovedale, Hochkirch to Tarrington, Mt. Bismarck to Mt. Kitchener; *Queensland*—Bergen to Murra Murra, Bergenside to Neuve, Bismarck to MacLagan, Engelsburg to Kalbar, Gehrkevale to Mount Mort, Gramzow to Carbrook, Hapsburg to Kowbi, Hessenburg to Ingoldsby, Kirchheim to Haigslea, Murden to Frenchton, Roessler to Applethorpe, Stegeht to Woongoolba, Teutelburg to Willa,

Fahley to Kilbirnie; *South Australia*—Bartsch's Creek to Yedlakoo Creek, Basedow—Hundred of to Hundred of French, Bauer—Cape to Wondoma—Cape, Berlin Rock to Panpandie Rock, Bethanien to Bethany, Bismarck to Weeroopa, Blumberg to Birdwood, Blumenthal to Lakkari, Buchfelde to Loos, Carlsruhe to Kunden, Ehrenbreitstein to Mount Yerila, Ferdinand Creek to Ernaballa Creek, Mount Ferdinand to Mount Warrabillinna, Friedrichstadt to Tangari, Friedrichswalde to Tarnuma, Gebhardt's Hills to Polygon Ridge, German Creek to Benara Creek, German Pass to Tappa Pass, Germantown Hill to Vimy Ridge, Gottlieb's Well to Parnggi Well, Grunberg to Karalta, Grunthal to Verdun, Hahndorf to Ambleside, Hasse's Mound to Larelar Mound, Heidelberg to Kobandilla, Hergott Springs to Marree, Hildesheim to Punthari, Hoffnugsthal to Karawirra, Homburg—Hundred of to Hundred of Haig, Jaenschtown to Kerkanya, Kaiserstuhl to Mount Kitchener, Klaebes to Kilito, Klemzig to Gaza, Krause Rock to Marti Rock, Krichauff—Hundred of to Hundred of Beatty, Krichauff to Beatty, Kronsdorf to Kabminye, Langdorf to Kaldukee, Langmeil to Bilyara, Lobethal to Tweedvale, Meyer—Mount to Mount Kauto, Muller's Hill to Yandina Hill, Neudorf to Mamburdi, Neukirch to Dimchurch, New Hamburg to Willyaroo, New Mecklenburg to Gomersal, Oliventhal to Cl vedale, Paech—Hundred of to Hundred of Cannawigara, Petersburg to Peterborough, Pflaum—Hundred of to Hundred of Geegeeia, Rhine Park to Kongolia, Rhine Hill to Mons, Rhine River N. to The Somme, Rhine River S. to The Marne, Rhine Villa to Cambrai, Rhine (North)—Hundred of to Hundred of Jellicoe, Rhine (South)—Hundred of to Hundred of Jutland, Rosenthal to Rosedale, Scherk—Hundred of to Hundred of Sturdee, Schoenthal to Boongala, Schomburgk—Hundred of to Hundred of Maude, Seppelts to Dorrien, Schreiberhau to Warre, Siegersdorf to Bultawilta, Steinfeld to Stonefield, Summerfeldt to Summerfield, Vogelsang's Corner to Teerkoore, Von Doussa—Hundred of to Hundred of Allenby, Wusser's Nob to Karun Nob; *Western Australia*—Mueller Park to Kitchener Park; *Tasmania*—Bismarck to Collins Vale.

§ 2. Climate and Meteorology of Australia.*

1. *Introductory.*—In preceding Year Books some account was given of the history of Australian meteorology, including reference to the development of magnetic observations and the equipment for the determination of various climatological records. (See Year Book No. 3, pp. 79, 80.) In Year Book No. 4, pp. 84 and 87, will be found a short sketch of the creation and organization of the Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology, and a résumé of the subjects dealt with at the Meteorological Conference of 1907. Space will not permit of the inclusion of this matter in the present issue.

2. *Meteorological Publications.*—The following publications are issued daily from the Central Meteorological Bureau, viz.:—(i) Weather charts. (ii) Rainfall maps. (iii) Bulletins, Victorian and Interstate, showing pressure, temperature, wind, rain, cloud extent, and weather. Similar publications are also issued from the divisional offices in each of the State Capitals.

Commencing with January, 1910, the "Australian Monthly Weather Report," containing statistical records from representative selected stations, with rain maps and diagrams, etc., was published, but was suspended in September, 1913. Complete rainfall and other climatological data are published in volumes of meteorological statistics for each State separately.

The first text book of Australian meteorology, "Climate and Weather of Australia," was published in 1913.

In addition, fifteen Bulletins of Climatology have been published, particulars of which are given in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 12, page 54).

The following publications have since been issued:—

The Australian Meteorological Observer's Handbook.

Bulletin No. 16. Australian Hurricanes and Related Storms, with appendix on Hurricanes in the South Pacific.

* Prepared from data supplied by the Commonwealth Meteorologist, H. A. Hunt, Esquire.

Bulletin No. 17. Some periods of Australian Weather ; observations of Visibility at various Australian stations during the years 1923 and 1924.

Atmospheric Pollution ; observations with the Owens' dust counter during the years 1923 and 1924.

Map showing the principal River Basins of Australia.

Map of Normal Meteorological Conditions in Australia affecting Aviation (set of four sheets) unmounted.

Map of Normal Meteorological Conditions in Australia affecting Aviation (set of four maps) mounted.

Map of Potential Cotton-growing Areas of Australia, determined by Climatic Factors.

3. General Description of Australia.—A considerable portion (0.530) of three divisions of Australia is north of the tropic of Capricorn—that is to say, within the States of Queensland and Western Australia, and the Northern Territory, no less than 1,149,320 square miles belong to the tropical zone, and 1,020,720 to the temperate zone. The whole area of Australia within the temperate zone, however, is 1,825,261 square miles ; thus the tropical part is about 0.386, or about five-thirteenthths of the whole, or the “temperate” region is half as large again as the “tropical” (more accurately 1.591). By reason of its insular geographical position, and the absence of striking physical features, Australia is, on the whole, less subject to extremes of weather than are regions of similar area in other parts of the globe, and latitude for latitude Australia is, on the whole, more temperate.

The altitudes of the surface of Australia range up to a little over 7,300 feet, hence its climate embraces a great many features, from the characteristically tropical to what is essentially alpine, a fact indicated in some measure by the name Australian Alps given to the southern portion of the great Dividing Range.

On the coast, the rainfall is often abundant and the atmosphere moist, but in some portions of the interior it is very limited, and the atmosphere dry. The distribution of forest, therefore, with its climatic influence, is very uneven. In the interior, in places, there are fine belts of trees, but there are large areas also which are treeless, and where the air is hot and parching in summer. Again, on the coast, even so far south as latitude 35°, the vegetation is tropical in its luxuriance, and to some extent also in character. Climatologically, therefore, Australia may be said to present a great variety of features.

4. Meteorological Divisions.—(i) *General.* The Commonwealth Meteorologist has divided Australia, for climatological and meteorological purposes, into five divisions. The boundaries between these may be thus defined :—(a) Between divisions I. and II., the boundary between South and Western Australia, viz., the 129th meridian of east longitude ; (b) between divisions II. and III., a line starting at the Gulf of Carpentaria, along the Norman River to Normanton, thence a straight line to Wilcannia on the Darling River, New South Wales ; (c) between divisions II. and IV., a line from Wilcannia along the Darling River to its junction with the Murray ; (d) between divisions II. and V., a line from the junction of the Darling and Murray Rivers, along the latter to Encounter Bay ; (e) between divisions III. and IV., a line starting at Wilcannia, along the Darling, Barwon, and Dumaresq Rivers to the Great Dividing Range, and along that range and along the watershed between the Clarence and Richmond Rivers to Evans Head on the east coast of Australia ; (f) between divisions IV. and V., a line from the junction of the Darling and Murray Rivers along the latter to its junction with the Murrumbidgee, along the Murrumbidgee to the Tumut River, and along the Tumut River to Tumut, thence a straight line to Cape Howe ; (g) Tasmania is included in division V.

The population included within these boundaries at the Census of the 4th April, 1921, was approximately as follows :—

Division	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.
Population	332,000	500,000	824,000	1,915,000	1,866,000

In these divisions, the order in which the capitals occur is as follows :—(a) Perth, (b) Adelaide, (c) Brisbane, (d) Sydney, (e) Melbourne, and (f) Hobart ; and the climatological and meteorological statistics relating to the capital cities are dealt with herein in accordance with that order.

(ii) *Special Climatological Stations.* The latitudes, longitudes, and altitudes of special stations, the climatological features of which are graphically represented hereinafter are as follows :—

SPECIAL CLIMATOLOGICAL STATIONS—AUSTRALIA.

Locality.	Height above Sea Level.	Latitude. S.	Longitude. E.	Locality.	Height above Sea Level.	Latitude. S.	Longitude. E.
	Feet.	deg. min.	deg. min.		Feet.	deg. min.	deg. min.
Perth ..	197	31 57	115 50	Darwin ..	97	12 28	130 51
Adelaide ..	140	34 56	138 35	Daly Waters	691	16 16	133 23
Brisbane ..	137	27 28	153 2	Alice Springs	1,926	23 38	133 37
Sydney ..	138	33 52	151 12	Dubbo ..	870	32 18	148 35
Melbourne ..	115	37 49	144 58	Laverton, W.A.	1,530	28 40	122 23
Hobart ..	177	42 53	147 20	Coolgardie ..	1,389	30 57	121 10

5. *Temperatures.*—(i) *Comparisons with other Countries.* In respect of Australian temperatures generally, it may be pointed out that the isotherm for 70° Fahrenheit extends in South America and South Africa so far south as latitude 33°, while in Australia it reaches only so far south as latitude 30°, thus showing that, on the whole, Australia has latitude for latitude a more temperate climate than other places in the Southern Hemisphere.

The comparison is even more favourable when the Northern Hemisphere is included, for in the United States the 70° isotherm extends in several of the western States so far north as latitude 41°. In Europe, the same isotherm reaches almost to the southern shores of Spain, passing, however, afterwards along the northern shores of Africa till it reaches the Red Sea, when it bends northward along the eastern shore of the Mediterranean till it reaches Syria. In Asia, nearly the whole of the land area south of latitude 40° N. has a higher temperature than 70°.

The extreme range of shade temperatures in summer and winter in a very large part of Australia amounts to probably only 81°. In Siberia, in Asia, the similar range is no less than 171°, and in North America 153°, or approximately double the Australian range.

Along the northern shores of Australia the temperatures are very equable. At Darwin, for example, the difference in the means for the hottest and coldest months is only 8.4°, and the extreme readings for the year, or the highest maximum in the hottest month and the lowest reading in the coldest month, show a difference of under 50°.

Coming southward, the extreme range of temperature increases gradually on the coast, and in a more pronounced manner inland.

(ii) *Hottest and Coldest Parts.* A comparison of the temperatures recorded at coast and inland stations shows that, in Australia, as in other continents, the range increases with increasing distance from the coast.

In the interior of Australia, and during exceptionally dry summers, the temperature occasionally reaches or exceeds 120° in the shade, and during the dry winters the major portion of the country to the south of the tropics is subject to ground frosts. An exact knowledge of temperature disposition cannot be determined until the interior becomes more settled, but from data procurable it would appear that the hottest area of the continent is situated in the northern part of Western Australia about the Marble Bar and Nullagine goldfields, where the maximum shade temperature during the summer sometimes exceeds 100° continuously for days and weeks. The coldest part of Australia is the extreme south-east of New South Wales and extreme east of Victoria—the region of the Australian Alps. Here the temperature seldom, if ever, reaches 100° even in the hottest of seasons.

Tasmania as a whole enjoys a most moderate and equable range of temperature throughout the year, although occasionally hot winds may cross the Straits and cause the temperature to rise to 100° in the low-lying parts.

(iii) *Monthly Maximum and Minimum Temperatures.* The normal monthly maximum and minimum temperatures can be best shown by means of graphs, which exhibit the nature of the fluctuation of each for all available years. In the diagram herein for nine representative places in Australia, the upper heavy curves show the mean maximum,

and the lower heavy curves the mean minimum temperatures based upon daily observations, while the other curves show the humidities.

6. **Humidity.**—After temperature, humidity is the most important element of climate, as regards its effect on human comfort, rainfall supply, and in connexion with engineering problems generally.

In this publication the *absolute humidity* has been graphically represented in the form of inches of vapour pressure (i.e. that portion of the barometric pressure due to vapour). It is this total quantity of moisture in the air which affects personal comfort, plays an important part in varying the density of the atmosphere, and in heating and refrigerating processes. The more commonly quoted value, called the *relative humidity*, refers to the ratio which the actual moisture contents of the air bear to the total amount possible if saturation existed at the given temperature, and is usually quoted as a percentage. The relative humidity is an important factor in all drying operations, but is much less important than the absolute humidity as affecting animal life.

The mean monthly vapour pressure has also been added to the tables of climatological data for the capital cities included herein.

The normal monthly values of vapour pressure, it should be noted, combine to make the annual curve for this element which is comparable with the maximum and minimum temperature curves, but the relative humidities consisting as they do of the extremes for each month, do not show the normal annual fluctuation which would be approximately midway between the extremes.

The order of stations in descending values of vapour pressure is Darwin, Daly Waters, Brisbane, Sydney, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart and Alice Springs, while the relative humidity diminishes in the order, Sydney, Hobart, Darwin, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Daly Waters and Alice Springs.

7. **Evaporation.**—(i) *General.* The rate and quantity of evaporation in any territory is influenced by the prevailing temperature, and by atmospheric humidity, pressure, and movement. In Australia, the question is of perhaps more than ordinary importance, since in its drier regions water has often to be conserved in "tanks"* and dams. The magnitude of the economic loss by evaporation will be appreciated from the tabular records herein, which show that the yearly amount varies from about 32 inches at Hobart to 94 inches at Alice Springs in the centre of the Continent. Over the *inland* districts of the Continent it has been calculated that evaporation equals the rainfall where the annual totals are about 36 inches, the variations above and below this quantity being inverse.

(ii) *Monthly Evaporation Curves.* The curves showing the mean monthly evaporation in various parts of Australia disclose how characteristically different are the amounts for the several months in different localities. The evaporation for representative places is shown on the diagram herein.

(iii) *Loss by Evaporation.* In the interior of Australia the possible evaporation is greater than the actual rainfall. Since the loss by evaporation depends largely on the exposed area, tanks and dams so designed that the surface shall be a minimum are advantageous. Further, the more protected from the direct rays of the sun and from winds, by means of suitable tree planting, the less will be the loss by evaporation. These matters are naturally of more than ordinary concern in the drier districts of Australia.

8. **Rainfall.**—(i) *General.* As even a casual reference to climatological maps indicating the distribution of rainfall and prevailing direction of wind would clearly show, the rainfall of any region is determined mainly by the direction and route of the prevailing winds, by the varying temperatures of the earth's surface over which they blow, and by the physiographical features generally.

Australia lies within the zones of the south-east trades and prevailing westerly winds. The southern limit of the south-east trade strikes the eastern shores at about 30° south latitude, and, with very few exceptions, the heaviest rains of the Australian continent are precipitated along the Pacific slopes to the north of that latitude, the varying quantities being more or less regulated by the differences in elevation of the shores and of the chain of mountains upon which the rain-laden winds blow from the New South Wales northern border to Thursday Island. The converse effect is exemplified on the north-west coast of Western Australia, where the prevailing winds, blowing from the interior of the continent instead of from the ocean, result in the lightest coastal rain in Australia.

* In Australia, artificial storage ponds or reservoirs are called "tanks."

The westerly winds, which skirt the southern shores, are responsible for the very reliable, although generally light to moderate, rains enjoyed by the south-western portion of Western Australia, by the south-eastern agricultural areas of South Australia, by a great part of Victoria, and by the whole of Tasmania.

(ii) *Factors determining Distribution and Intensity of Rainfall.* (iii) *Time of Rainfall.* In Official Year Book No. 6 (see pp. 72 to 74) some notes were given of the various factors governing the distribution, intensity, and period of Australian rainfall.

(iv) *Wettest and Driest Regions.* The wettest known part of Australia is on the north-east coast of Queensland, between Port Douglas and Cardwell, where three stations situated on, or adjacent to, the Johnstone and Russell Rivers have an average annual rainfall of between 144 and 165 inches. The maximum and minimum falls there are:—Goondi, 241.53 in 1894 and 67.88 inches in 1915, or a range of 173.65 inches; Innisfail, 211.24 in 1894 and 69.87 inches in 1902, or a range of 141.37 inches; Harvey Creek, 254.77 in 1921 and 80.47 inches in 1902, or a range of 174.30 inches.

On four occasions more than 200 inches have been recorded at Goondi, the last of these being in 1910, when 204.82 inches were registered. The record at this station covers a period of 33 years.

Harvey Creek, in the shorter period of 25 years has three times exceeded 200 inches, the total for 1921 being 254.77 inches, and at the South Johnstone Sugar Experiment Station, where a gauge has recently been established, 202.52 inches were recorded in 1921.

In Tasmania the wettest part is in the West Coast region, the mean annual rainfall at Lake Margaret being 145.57, with a maximum of 175.12 in 1924.

The driest known part of the continent is in the Lake Eyre district in South Australia (the only part of the continent below sea level), where the annual average is only 5 inches, and where the fall rarely exceeds 10 inches for the twelve months.

The inland districts of Western Australia were at one time regarded as the driest part of Australia, but authentic observations in recent years over the settled districts in the east of that State show that the annual average is from 10 to 12 inches.

(v) *Quantities and Distribution of Rainfall.* The departure from the normal rainfall increases progressively from the southern to the northern shores of the continent, and similarly also at all parts of the continent subject to capricious monsoonal rains, as the comparisons hereunder will show. The general distribution is best seen from the rainfall map herein, which shows the areas subject to average annual rainfalls lying between certain limits. The areas enjoying varying quantities of rainfall determined from the latest available information are shown in the following table:—

AVERAGE ANNUAL RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION.

Average Annual Rainfall.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia	Northern Territory	Western Australia.	Tas- mania. (b)	Total (c)
	sqr. mls.	sqr. mls.	sqr. mls.	sqr. mls.	sqr. mls.	sqr. mls.	sqr. mls.	sqr. mls.
Under 10 inches	48,749	nil	80,496	310,660	140,500	486,952	nil	1,067,357
10—15 "	78,454	19,270	81,549	36,460	132,780	255,092	nil	603,605
15—20 "	55,762	13,492	111,833	19,940	63,026	94,101	304	358,458
20—25 "	45,140	14,170	143,610	8,620	49,157	44,340	3,844	308,881
25—30 "	30,539	15,579	99,895	3,258	41,608	31,990	3,016	225,885
30—40 "	33,557	14,450	61,963	1,036	37,642	59,520	5,027	213,195
Over 40 "	18,171	10,923	91,154	96	58,907	3,925	11,247	194,423
Total area ..	310,372	87,884	670,500	380,070	523,620	975,920	23,438	2,971,804

(a) Including Federal Capital Territory. (b) Over an area of 2,777 square miles no records are available.

Referring first to the capital cities, the complete records of which are given in the next table, it will be seen that Sydney, with a normal rainfall of 47.62 inches, occupies the chief place; Brisbane, Perth, Melbourne, Hobart and Adelaide following in that order, Adelaide with 21.21 inches being the driest. The extreme range from the wettest to the driest year is greatest at Brisbane (72.09 inches) and least at Adelaide (19.48 inches).

In order to show how the rainfall is distributed throughout the year in various parts of the continent, the figures of representative towns have been selected. (See map.)

The figures for Darwin, typical of the Northern Territory, show that nearly the whole of the rainfall occurs there in the summer months, while little or none falls in the middle of the year. The figures for Perth, as representing the south-western part of the continent, are the reverse, for while the summer months are dry, the winter ones are very wet. In Melbourne and Hobart the rain is fairly well distributed throughout the twelve months, with a maximum in October for the former, and in November for the latter. The records at Alice Springs and Daly Waters indicate that in the central parts of Australia the wettest months are in the summer and autumn. In Queensland, as in the Northern Territory, the heaviest rains fall in the summer months, but good averages are also maintained during the other seasons.

On the coast of New South Wales, the first six months of the year are the wettest, with a maximum in the autumn; the averages during the last six months are fair, and moderately uniform. Generally it may be said that approximately one-third of the area of the continent, principally in the eastern and northern parts, enjoys an annual average rainfall of from 20 to 50 or more inches, the remaining two-thirds averaging from about 10 to 20 inches.

(vi) *Curves of Rainfall and Evaporation.* The relative amounts of rainfall and evaporation at different times through the year are clearly indicated in the graphs herein. Inspection thereof will show how large is the evaporation when water is fully exposed to the direct rays of the sun and to wind.

(vii) *Tables of Rainfall.* The table of rainfall for a long period of years for each of the various Australian capitals affords information as to the variability of the fall in successive years, and the list of the more remarkable falls furnishes information as to what may be expected on particular occasions. As pointed out in 4 *ante*, the capitals are dealt with in the order in which they occur in the adopted meteorological divisions.

RAINFALL—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES, 1901 TO 1925.

Year.	PERTH.			ADELAIDE.			BRISBANE.			SYDNEY.			MELBOURNE.			HOBART.		
	Amount.	No. of Days.	10 Years' Means.	Amount.	No. of Days.	10 Years' Means.	Amount.	No. of Days.	10 Years' Means.	Amount.	No. of Days.	10 Years' Means.	Amount.	No. of Days.	10 Years' Means.	Amount.	No. of Days.	10 Years' Means.
	in.		in.	in.		in.	in.		in.	in.		in.	in.		in.	in.		in.
1901	36.75	122	..	18.01	124	..	38.43	110	..	40.10	149	..	27.45	113	..	25.11	149	..
2	27.06	93	..	16.02	123	..	16.17	87	..	43.07	180	..	23.08	102	..	21.85	150	..
3	35.69	140	..	25.47	134	..	49.27	136	..	38.62	173	..	28.43	130	..	25.86	139	..
4	34.35	125	..	20.31	117	..	33.23	124	..	45.93	158	..	29.72	128	..	22.41	139	..
5	34.61	116	..	22.28	131	..	36.76	108	..	35.03	145	..	25.64	129	..	32.09	168	..
6	32.37	121	..	26.51	127	..	42.85	125	..	31.89	160	..	22.29	114	..	23.31	155	..
7	40.12	132	..	17.78	125	..	31.46	119	..	31.32	132	..	22.26	102	..	25.92	166	..
8	30.52	106	34.05	24.56	125	21.15	44.01	125	36.55	45.65	167	43.41	17.72	130	25.36	16.50	148	23.29
9	39.11	107	..	27.69	138	..	34.06	111	..	32.45	177	..	25.86	171	..	27.29	170	..
1910	37.02	135	..	24.62	116	..	49.00	133	..	46.91	160	..	24.61	167	..	25.22	205	..
11	23.38	108	..	15.99	127	..	35.21	128	..	50.24	155	..	36.61	168	..	26.78	193	..
12	27.85	123	..	19.57	116	..	41.30	114	..	47.51	172	..	20.37	157	..	23.14	181	..
13	38.28	141	..	18.16	102	..	40.81	115	..	57.70	141	..	21.17	157	..	19.36	165	..
14	20.21	128	..	11.39	91	..	33.99	141	..	56.42	149	..	18.57	129	..	15.42	154	..
15	43.61	164	..	19.38	117	..	25.66	93	..	34.83	117	..	20.95	167	..	20.91	196	..
16	35.16	128	..	28.16	142	..	52.80	136	..	44.91	161	..	38.04	170	..	43.39	203	..
17	45.64	146	..	28.90	153	..	40.92	127	..	52.40	151	..	30.57	171	..	30.62	214	..
18	39.58	138	34.98	17.41	107	21.13	24.95	121	37.87	42.99	149	46.64	27.13	160	26.39	26.04	179	25.82
19	30.66	120	..	17.21	108	..	19.36	96	..	58.71	152	..	24.89	141	..	22.48	153	..
20	40.35	124	..	26.70	119	..	39.72	122	..	43.42	159	..	28.27	162	..	18.00	182	..
21	41.09	135	..	22.64	100	..	54.31	167	..	43.34	140	..	29.76	154	..	18.04	159	..
22	31.86	135	..	23.20	117	..	35.82	109	..	39.35	136	..	25.02	151	..	28.27	189	..
23	44.47	134	..	29.79	139	..	23.27	93	..	37.01	123	..	22.64	158	..	32.93	198	..
24	33.79	119	..	23.44	143	..	41.08	114	..	37.01	136	..	36.48	171	..	28.76	197	..
25	31.41	126	..	21.91	118	..	53.10	139	..	50.35	145	..	17.57	144	..	22.40	171	..
Aver.	34.03	119	..	21.21	123	..	45.27	128	..	47.62	153	..	26.20	138	..	23.81	147	..
No. of Yrs.	50	50	..	87	87	..	76	66	..	86	86	..	82	70	..	83	83	..

NOTE.—The above average rainfall figures for Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne differ slightly from the mean annual falls given in the Climatological Tables, which are for a less number of years. Annual totals from 1860 to 1900 inclusive will be found in Official Year Book No. 15, page 53.

9. **Remarkable Falls of Rain.**—The following are the more remarkable falls of rain in the various States and in the Northern Territory, which have occurred within a period of twenty-four hours. In New South Wales and Queensland falls of less than 15 inches in the twenty-four hours are not included. Reference, however, to them may be found in preceding Official Year Books (see No. 14, pp. 60-63):—

HEAVY RAINFALLS—NEW SOUTH WALES, UP TO 1925, INCLUSIVE.

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Anthony ..	28 Mar., 1887	17.14	Kembla Heights ..	13 Jan., 1911	17.46
Araluen ..	27 May, 1925	15.83	Madden's Creek ..	13 Jan., 1911	18.68
Bega ..	27 Feb., 1919	17.88	Morpeth ..	9 Mar., 1893	21.52
Broger's Creek ..	14 „ 1898	20.05	Mount Kembla ..	13 Jan., 1911	18.25
„ „ ..	13 Jan. 1911	20.83	Numbugga ..	27 Feb., 1919	17.87
Bulli Mountain ..	13 Dec., 1898	17.14	Tongara Farm ..	14 „ 1898	15.12
Burragate ..	27 „ 1919	16.38	Towamba ..	5 Mar., 1893	20.00
Candelo ..	27 Feb., „	18.53	South Head (near Sydney) ..	29 Apr., 1841	20.12
Condong ..	27 Mar., 1887	18.66	„ „ ..	16 Oct., 1844	20.41
Cordeaux River ..	14 Feb., 1898	22.53			
Dapto ..	11 May, 1925	15.00			

HEAVY RAINFALLS—QUEENSLAND, UP TO 1925, INCLUSIVE.

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Anglesey ..	26 Dec., 1909	18.20	Flying Fish Point	31 Jan., 1913	16.10
Atherton (Cairns) ..	31 Jan., 1913	16.69	Gladstone ..	4 Feb., 1911	18.83
Babinda (Cairns) ..	1 Feb., „	20.51	Glen Boughton ..	5 Apr., 1894	18.50
„ „ ..	24 Jan., 1916	22.30	Goldsborough (Cairns) ..	31 Jan., 1913	19.92
„ „ ..	21 Apr., 1920	16.05	Goondi Mill (Innisfail) ..	6 Apr., 1894	15.69
Babinda ..	25 Mar., 1921	15.76	„ „ ..	29 Dec., 1903	17.83
Banyan ..	1 Mar., 1925	16.43	„ „ ..	10 Feb., 1911	17.68
Bloomsbury ..	14 Feb., 1893	17.40	„ „ ..	6 Apr., 1912	15.55
„ ..	10 Jan., 1901	16.62	Goondi ..	30 Jan., 1913	24.10
Brisbane ..	21 „ 1887	18.31	Goorganga ..	23 „ 1918	18.17
Buderim Mountain	11 „ 1898	26.20	Halifax ..	5 Feb., 1899	15.37
Bundaberg ..	16 „ 1913	16.94	„ „ ..	6 Jan., 1901	15.68
Burnett Head ..	16 „ 1913	15.22	Hambledon Mill ..	2 „ 1911	18.61
(Bundaberg) ..	11 Feb., 1911	15.17	„ „ ..	1 Apr., „	19.62
Cairns ..	2 Apr., „	20.16	„ „ ..	30 Jan., 1913	17.32
„ „ ..	23 Jan., 1918	22.66	Hampden ..	23 Apr., 1918	17.30
Carbrook ..	24 Jan., 1918	15.77	„ „ ..	24 „ „	17.19
„ ..	18 Mar., 1904	18.24	Harvey Creek ..	8 Mar., 1899	17.72
Cardwell ..	11 Mar., 1918	16.65	„ „ ..	11 Jan., 1905	16.96
Carmilla ..	23 Jan., 1918	15.92	„ „ ..	3 „ 1911	27.75
Clare ..	26 „ 1896	15.30	„ „ ..	2 Apr., „	16.46
Collaroy ..	23 „ 1918	18.06	„ „ ..	31 Jan., 1913	24.72
Crohamhurst ..	2 Feb., 1893	35.71	„ „ ..	25 Mar., 1921	15.80
(Blackall Range)	9 Jan., 1898	19.55	„ „ ..	12 Mar., 1924	16.50
„ „ ..	6 Mar., „	16.01	„ „ ..	13 Mar., „	15.78
Croydon ..	29 Jan., 1908	15.00	Haughton Valley ..	26 Jan., 1896	18.10
Dungeness ..	16 Mar., 1893	22.17	Holmwood (Woodford) ..	2 Feb., 1893	16.19
Dunira ..	9 Jan., 1898	18.45	Howard ..	15 Jan., 1905	19.55
„ „ ..	6 Mar., „	15.95	Huntley ..	27 Dec., 1916	18.94
Dunwich ..	8 May, 1925	15.46	Innisfail (formerly Geraldton) ..	11 Feb., 1889	17.13
Fairymead Plantation (Bundaberg)	16 Jan., 1913	15.32	„ „ ..	6 Apr., 1894	16.02
Flying Fish Point ..	7 Apr., 1912	16.06			

HEAVY RAINFALLS—QUEENSLAND—*continued.*

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Innisfail (formerly Geraldton) ..	24 Jan., 1900	15.22	Mourilyan ..	7 Apr., 1912	18.97
" " ..	29 Dec., 1903	21.22	" " ..	31 Jan., 1913	15.05
" " ..	2 Apr., 1911	15.00	Mundoolun ..	21 " 1887	17.95
" " ..	7 " 1912	20.50	Nambour ..	9 " 1898	21.00
" " ..	31 Jan., 1913	20.91	" " ..	27 Dec., 1909	16.80
Kamerunga (Cairns) ..	2 Apr., 1911	21.00	Netherdale ..	22 Jan., 1918	19.50
" " ..	31 Jan., 1913	16.00	Oxenford ..	14 Mar., 1908	15.65
Koumala ..	23 " 1918	22.31	Palmwoods ..	10 Jan., 1898	15.85
" " ..	24 " " 20.65		" " ..	25 Dec., 1909	17.75
Kuranda (Cairns) ..	11 Feb., 1911	16.30	Pialba (Maryborough) ..	16 Jan., 1913	17.22
" " ..	17 Mar. " 15.10		Plane Creek (Mackay) ..	26 Feb., " 27.73	
" " ..	31 " " 18.60		Port Douglas ..	10 Mar., 1904	16.34
" " ..	1 Apr., " 24.30		" " ..	17 " 1911	16.10
" " ..	2 " " 28.80		" " ..	1 Apr., " 31.53	
" " ..	31 Jan., 1913	16.34	Proserpine ..	23 Jan., 1918	18.17
Landsborough ..	2 Feb., 1893	15.15	Ravenswood ..	24 Mar., 1890	17.00
Low Island ..	10 Mar., 1904	15.07	Redcliffe ..	16 Feb., 1893	17.35
" " ..	1 Apr., 1911	15.30	Rosedale ..	16 Jan., 1913	18.90
Lyndon (via Brixton) ..	3 " 1917	17.00 <i>a</i>	Sarina ..	23 " 1918	22.60
Mackay ..	21 Jan., 1918	24.70 <i>b</i>	St. Lawrence ..	30 " 1896	15.00
" " ..	22 " " 17.25 <i>c</i>		The Hollow (Mackay) ..	23 Feb., 1888	15.12
Sugar Experimental Farm, Mackay ..	21 " " 16.80		Thornborough ..	20 Apr., 1903	18.07
" " ..	22 " " 17.20		Townsville ..	24 Jan., 1892	19.20
Macnade Mill ..	5 Feb., 1899	15.20	" " ..	28 Dec., 1903	15.00
" " ..	6 Jan., 1901	23.33	Victoria Mill ..	6 Jan., 1901	16.67
" " ..	4 Mar., 1915	22.00	Woodlands (Yepp'n) ..	31 " 1893	23.07
Mapleton ..	26 Dec., 1909	15.72	Wootha ..	10 Feb., 1915	15.93
Mirani ..	12 Jan., 1901	16.59	Yandina ..	1 " 1893	20.08
Miriam Vale (B'berg) ..	17 " 1913	15.80	" " ..	9 Jan., 1898	19.25
Mooloolah ..	13 Mar., 1892	21.53	" " ..	28 Dec., 1909	15.80
" " ..	2 Feb., 1893	19.11	Yarrabah ..	2 Apr., 1911	30.65
Mount Cuthbert ..	8 Jan., 1911	18.00	" " ..	24 Jan., 1916	27.20
Mount Molloy ..	31 Mar., " 20.00		" " ..	25 " " 18.60	
" " ..	1 Apr., " 20.00		Yeppoon ..	31 " 1893	20.05
" " ..	2 " 20.00		" " ..	8 " 1898	18.05
Mourilyan ..	11 Feb., 1911	17.40	" " ..	8 Oct., 1914	21.70

HEAVY RAINFALLS—WESTERN AUSTRALIA, UP TO 1925, INCLUSIVE.

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Alice Downs ..	15 Mar., 1922	10.58	Exmouth Gulf ..	2 Feb., 1918	12.50
Balla Balla ..	21 " 1899	14.40	Fortescue ..	3 May, 1890	23.36
Bamboo Creek ..	22 " " 10.10		Frazier Downs ..	3 Mar., 1916	11.25
Boodarie ..	21 " " 14.53		Gnaraloo ..	20 " 1923	11.00
" " ..	3 Jan., 1896	10.03	Kerdiadary ..	7 Feb., 1901	12.00
Boooloogooroo ..	17 " 1923	10.96	Meda ..	2 Mar., 1916	10.55
Broome ..	6 Jan., 1917	14.00	Millstream ..	5 " 1900	10.00
Carlton ..	11 " 1903	10.64	Minilya ..	15 Jan., 1923	11.50
Cossack ..	3 Apr., 1898	12.82	Obagama ..	28 Feb., 1910	12.00
" " ..	16 " 1900	13.23	" " ..	24 Dec., 1920	13.02
Croydon ..	3 Mar., 1903	12.00	Pilbara ..	2 Apr., 1898	14.04
Derby ..	29 Dec., 1898	13.09	Point Cloates ..	20 Jan., 1909	10.87
" " ..	7 Jan., 1917	16.47	Point Torment ..	17 Dec., 1906	11.86

a Mr. Jas. Laidlaw, of Lyndon, states that this fell in 4 hours. *b* 37½ hours. *c* 22½ hours.

HEAVY RAINFALLS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Port George IV. ..	17 Jan., 1915	11.24	Whim Creek ..	21 Mar., 1899	18.17
Roebourne ..	3 Apr., 1898	11.44	" " ..	6 " 1900	10.03
" ..	6 Mar., 1900	10.32	" " ..	3 " 1903	10.44
Roebuck Plains ..	5 Jan., 1917	14.01	Winderrie ..	17 Jan., 1923	14.23
" ..	6 " "	22.36	Woodstock ..	21 " 1912	13.00
Springvale " ..	14 Mar., 1922	12.25	Wyndham ..	27 Jan., 1890	11.60
Tambray ..	6 " 1900	11.00	" ..	4 Mar., 1919	12.50
" ..	3 " 1903	10.47	Yardie Creek ..	3 Feb., 1918	10.00
Thangoe ..	17-19 Feb. '96	24.18	Yeeda ..	2 Mar., 1916	10.70
" ..	28 Dec., 1893	11.15	" ..	6 Jan., 1917	10.20
Whim Creek ..	3 Apr., 1898	29.41	" ..	7 " "	11.75

HEAVY RAINFALLS—NORTHERN TERRITORY, UP TO 1925, INCLUSIVE.

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Bathurst Island			Cosmopolitan Gold		
Mission ..	7 Apr., 1925	11.85	Mine ..	24 Dec., 1915	10.60
Bonrook ..	24 Dec., 1915	10.60	Darwin ..	7 Dec., 1915	11.67
Borrooloola ..	14 Mar., 1899	14.00	Groote Eylandt ..	30-31 Mar., '23	12.00a
Brock's Creek ..	4 Jan., 1914	10.68	Lake Nash ..	21 Mar., 1901	10.25
" ..	24 Dec., 1915	14.33	Pine Creek ..	8 Jan., 1897	10.35
Burrundie ..	4 Jan., 1914	11.61			

(a) Approximate only, as gauge was washed away.

HEAVY RAINFALLS—SOUTH AUSTRALIA, UP TO 1925, INCLUSIVE.

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Wilmington ..	28 Feb., 1921	3.97	Wilmington ..	1 Mar., 1921	7.12

HEAVY RAINFALLS—VICTORIA, UP TO 1925, INCLUSIVE.

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Balook ..	26 Sept., 1917	5.32	Mt. Buffalo ..	6 June, 1917	8.53
" ..	27 " "	7.23	" ..	7 " "	6.56
" ..	28 " "	2.08			

HEAVY RAINFALLS—TASMANIA, UP TO 1925, INCLUSIVE.

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Cullenswood ..	5 June, 1923	10.50	Mathinna ..	8-10 Mar., '11	15.79
Gould's Country ..	8-10 Mar., '11	15.33	The Springs ..	30-31 Jan., '16	10.75
Lottah ..	8-10 " "	18.10	Triabunna ..	5 June, 1923	10.20

10. **Snowfall.**—Light snow has been known to fall occasionally so far north as latitude 31° S., and from the western to the eastern shores of the continent. During exceptional seasons, it has fallen simultaneously over two-thirds of the State of New South Wales, and has extended at times along the whole of the Great Dividing Range, from its southern extremity in Victoria so far north as Toowoomba in Queensland. During the winter, for several months, snow covers the ground to a great extent on the Australian Alps, where also the temperature falls below zero Fahrenheit during the night. In the ravines around Kosciusko and similar localities the snow never entirely disappears.

The antarctic "V"-shaped disturbances are always associated with the most pronounced and extensive snowfalls. The barometric gradients are very steep where the "trough line" extends northward, and the apexes are unusually sharp-pointed, and protrude into very low latitudes, sometimes even to the tropics.

11. **Hail.**—Hail falls most frequently along the southern shores of the continent in the winter, and over south-eastern Australia during the summer months. The size of the hailstones generally increases with distance from the coast, a fact which lends strong support to the theory that hail is brought about by ascending currents. A summer rarely passes without some station experiencing a fall of stones exceeding in size an ordinary hen-egg, and many riddled sheets of light-gauge galvanized iron bear evidence of the weight and penetrating power of the stones.

The hailstorms occur most frequently when the barometric readings indicate a flat and unstable condition of pressure. They are almost invariably associated with tornadoes or tornadic tendencies, and on the east coast the clouds from which the stones fall are generally of a remarkable sepia-coloured tint.

12. **Barometric Pressures.**—The mean annual barometric pressure (corrected to sea-level and standard gravity) in Australia varies from 29.80 inches on the north coast to 29.92 inches over the central and 30.03 inches in the southern parts of the continent. In January, the mean pressure ranges from 29.70 inches in the northern and central areas to 29.95 inches in the southern. The July mean pressure ranges from 29.90 inches at Darwin to 30.12 inches at Alice Springs. Barometer readings corrected to mean sea-level and standard gravity have, under anticyclonic conditions in the interior of the continent, ranged as high as 30.77 inches (at Kalgoorlie on the 28th July, 1901) and have fallen as low as 27.55 inches. This lowest record was registered at Mackay during a tropical hurricane on the 21st January, 1918. An almost equally abnormal reading of 27.88 inches was recorded at Innisfail during a similar storm on the 10th March, 1918. The mean annual fluctuations of barometric pressure for the capitals of Australia are shown on the graph herein.

13. **Wind.**—Notes on the distinctive wind currents in Australia were given in preceding Year Books (see No. 6, page 83), but, owing to limitations of space, have not been included herein.

14. **Cyclones and Storms.**—The "elements" in Australia are ordinarily peaceful, and while destructive cyclones have visited various parts, more especially coastal areas, such visitations are rare, and may be properly described as erratic.

During the winter months, the southern shores of the continent are subject to cyclonic storms, evolved from the V-shaped depressions of the southern low-pressure belt. They are felt most severely over the south-western parts of Western Australia, to the south-east of South Australia, in Bass Strait, including the coast line of Victoria, and on the west coast of Tasmania. Apparently the more violent wind pressures from these cyclones are experienced in their northern half, or in that part of them which has a north-westerly to a south-westerly circulation.

The north-east coast of Queensland is occasionally visited by hurricanes from the north-east tropics. During the first four months of the year, these hurricanes appear to have their origin in the neighbourhood of the South Pacific Islands, their path being a parabolic curve first to the S.W. and finally towards the S.E. Only a small percentage, however, reach Australia, the majority recurving in their path to the east of New Caledonia.

Very severe cyclones, locally known as "willy willies," are peculiar to the north-west coast of Western Australia from the months of November to April inclusive. They apparently originate in the ocean in the vicinity of Cambridge Gulf, and travel in a south-westerly direction with continually increasing force, displaying their greatest energy near Cossack and Onslow, between latitudes 20° and 22° South. The winds in these

storms, like those from the north-east tropics, are very violent and destructive, and cause great havoc amongst the pearl-fishers. The greatest velocities are usually to be found in the south-eastern quadrant of the cyclones, with north-east to east winds. After leaving the north-west coast, these storms either travel southwards, following the coastline, or cross the continent to the Great Australian Bight. When they take the latter course, their track is marked by torrential rains, as much as 29.41 inches, for example, being recorded in 24 hours at Whim Creek from one such occurrence. Falls of 10 inches and over have frequently been recorded in the northern interior of Western Australia from similar storms.

Some further notes on severe cyclones and on "southerly bursters," a characteristic feature of the eastern part of Australia, will be found in previous issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 6, pp. 84, 85, 86).

A special article dealing with "Australian Hurricanes and Related Storms" appeared in Official Year Book No. 16, pp. 80-84.

15. Influences affecting Australian Climate.—(i) *General.* Australian history does not cover a sufficient period, nor is the country sufficiently occupied, to ascertain whether or not the advance of settlement has materially affected the climate as a whole. Local changes have, however, taken place, a fact which suggests that settlement and the treatment of the land have a distinct effect on local conditions. For example, the mean temperature of Sydney shows a rise of two-tenths of a degree during the last twenty years, a change probably brought about by the great increase of residential and manufacturing buildings within the city and in the surrounding suburbs. Again, low-lying lands on the north coast of New South Wales, which originally were seldom subject to frosts, have, with the denudation of the surrounding hills from forests, experienced annual visitations, the probable explanation being that through the absence of trees the cold air of the high lands now flows unchecked and untempered down the sides of the hills to the valleys and lower lands.

(ii) *Influence of Forests on Climate.* As already indicated, forests doubtless exercise a great influence on local climate, and hence, to the extent that forestal undertakings will allow, the weather can be controlled by human agency. The direct action of forests is an equalizing one; thus, especially in equatorial regions, and during the warmest portion of the year, they considerably reduce the mean temperature of the air. They also reduce the diurnal extremes of shade temperatures by altering the extent of radiating surface by evaporation, and by checking the movement of air, and while decreasing evaporation from the ground, they increase the relative humidity. Vegetation greatly diminishes the rate of flow-off of rain and the washing away of surface soil, and when a region is protected by trees, a steadier water supply is ensured, and the rainfall is better conserved. In regions of snowfall, the supply of water to rivers is similarly regulated, and without this and the sheltering influence of ravines and "gullies," watercourses supplied mainly by melting snow would be subject to alternate periods of flooding and dryness. This is borne out in the case of the inland rivers; the River Murray, for example, which has never been known to become dry, deriving its steadiness of flow mainly through the causes indicated.

(iii) *Direct Influence of Forests on Rainfall.* Whether forests have a direct influence on rainfall is a debatable question, some authorities alleging that precipitation is undoubtedly induced by forests, while others take the opposite view.

Sufficient evidence exists, however, to prove that, even if the rainfall has not increased, the beneficial climatic effect of forest lands more than warrants their protection and extension. Rapid rate of evaporation, induced by both hot and cold winds, injures crops and makes life uncomfortable on the plains, and, while it may be doubted that the forest aids in increasing precipitation, it must be admitted that it does check winds and the rapid evaporation due to them. Trees as wind-breaks have been successfully planted in central parts of the United States, and there is no reason why similar experiments should not be successful in many parts of the treeless interior of Australia. The belts should be planted at right angles to the direction of the prevailing parching winds, and if not more than half a mile apart will afford shelter to the enclosed areas.

In previous issues some notes on observations made in other countries were added (see Official Year Book No. 6, pp. 86 and 95).

16. Rainfall and Temperatures, Various Cities.—The following table shows rainfall and temperature for various important cities throughout the world, for the site of the Federal capital, and for the capitals of the Australian States.

RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURE—VARIOUS CITIES.

Place.	Height above M.S.L.	Annual Rainfall.			Temperature.							
		Average.	Highest.	Lowest.					Highest on Record.	Lowest on Record.	Average Hottest Month.	Average Coldest Month.
					(a) Mean Summer.	(b) Mean Winter.						
	Ft.	Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	Fahr.	Fahr.	Fahr.	Fahr.			Fahr.	Fahr.
Amsterdam	6	27.29	40.59	17.60	63.2	36.8	90.0	4.1	64.4	35.4		
Auckland	125	43.88	74.15	26.32	66.2	52.5	91.0	31.9	67.1	51.8		
Athens	351	15.48	33.33	4.56	79.2	49.1	109.4	19.6	81.0	47.4		
Bergen	72	77.09	111.58	44.49	56.8	34.2	88.5	4.8	57.9	33.6		
Berlin	161	22.72	30.04	14.25	64.8	33.0	98.6	—13.0	66.0	31.8		
Berne	1,877	36.30	58.23	24.69	62.2	30.1	91.4	—3.6	64.4	28.0		
Bombay	37	71.15	114.89	33.41	83.5	75.1	100.0	55.9	84.8	74.2		
Breslau	482	22.52	32.56	16.50	64.1	33.5	100.0	—23.4	65.5	29.3		
Brussels	328	28.35	41.18	17.73	62.6	36.0	95.5	—4.4	63.7	34.5		
Budapest	500	25.20	35.28	16.79	68.6	30.2	98.6	—5.1	70.4	28.2		
Buenos Ayres	82	38.78	79.72	20.04	72.7	50.9	103.1	22.3	73.8	50.0		
Calcutta	21	61.82	98.48	38.43	85.6	68.0	108.2	44.2	86.0	66.4		
Capetown	40	25.50	36.72	17.71	68.1	54.7	102.0	34.0	68.8	53.9		
Caracas	3,420	30.03	47.36	23.70	68.3	65.3	87.8	48.2	69.2	63.7		
Chicago	823	33.28	45.86	24.52	70.0	26.1	103.0	—23.0	72.4	23.7		
Christchurch	25	25.16	35.30	13.54	61.3	43.3	95.7	21.3	61.6	42.4		
Christiania (Oslo)	75	23.23	32.21	16.26	61.0	24.5	95.0	—21.1	62.6	23.9		
Colombo	40	83.83	139.70	51.60	81.5	79.9	95.8	65.0	82.6	79.1		
Constantinople	245	28.75	42.74	14.78	74.0	43.5	103.6	13.0	75.7	42.0		
Copenhagen	10	20.79	25.83	15.47	60.4	33.3	85.5	—3.3	61.9	32.4		
Dresden	115	26.80	34.49	17.72	62.9	32.4	93.4	—15.3	64.4	31.6		
Dublin	47	27.66	35.56	16.60	59.4	42.0	87.2	13.3	60.5	41.7		
Dunedin	300	36.96	54.51	22.15	56.3	42.6	94.0	23.0	57.0	41.5		
Durban	260	40.79	71.27	27.24	75.6	64.4	110.6	41.1	76.7	63.8		
Edinburgh	441	25.21	32.05	16.44	55.8	38.8	87.7	5.0	57.2	38.3		
Geneva	1,328	33.48	46.89	21.14	64.4	33.7			66.2	32.2		
Genoa	157	51.29	108.22	28.21	73.8	46.8	94.5	16.7	75.4	45.5		
Glasgow	184	38.49	56.18	29.05	52.7	41.0	84.9	6.6	58.0	38.4		
Greenwich	149	23.50	35.54	16.38	62.0	39.5	100.0	6.9	63.5	38.5		
Hong Kong	109	84.28	119.72	45.84	86.2	64.8	97.0	32.0	86.7	62.9		
Johannesburg	5,750	31.63	50.00	21.66	65.4	54.4	94.0	23.3	68.2	48.9		
Leipzig	384	24.69	31.37	17.10	63.1	31.5	97.3	—14.8	64.8	30.6		
Lisbon	312	29.18	52.79	17.32	69.6	51.3	94.1	32.5	70.2	49.3		
London (Kew)	18	23.80	38.20	16.64	61.2	39.8	94.0	9.4	62.7	38.9		
Madras	22	49.85	88.41	18.45	89.0	76.8	113.0	57.5	89.9	76.1		
Madrid	2,149	16.23	27.48	9.13	73.0	41.2	107.1	10.5	75.7	39.7		
Marseilles	246	22.24	43.03	12.28	70.5	45.3	100.4	11.7	72.3	44.6		
Moscow	526	18.94	29.28	12.07	63.4	14.7	99.5	—44.5	66.1	11.9		
Naples	489	34.00	56.58	21.75	73.6	48.0	99.1	23.9	75.4	46.8		
New York	314	44.63	58.68	33.17	71.4	31.8	102.0	—13.0	73.5	30.2		
Ottawa	236	33.40	53.79	25.63	67.2	14.1	98.0	—33.0	69.7	12.0		
Paris	164	22.64	29.57	16.46	63.5	37.2	101.1	—14.1	64.9	36.1		
Pekin	143	24.40	36.00	18.00	77.7	26.6	114.0	—5.0	79.2	23.6		
Petrograd	16	21.30	29.52	13.75	61.1	17.4	97.0	—38.2	63.7	15.2		
Quebec	296	40.50	53.79	32.12	63.5	12.4	96.0	—34.0	66.3	10.1		
Rome	166	32.57	57.89	12.72	74.3	46.0	104.2	17.2	76.1	44.6		
San Francisco	155	22.27	38.82	9.00	58.8	50.5	101.0	29.0	59.3	49.5		
Shanghai	21	45.00	62.52	27.92	78.0	41.1	102.9	10.2	80.4	37.8		
Singapore	8	91.99	158.68	32.71	81.2	78.6	94.2	63.4	81.5	78.3		
Stockholm	144	19.09	28.27	11.81	59.5	27.3	96.8	—25.6	61.9	26.4		
Tokio	65	61.45	86.37	45.72	74.8	39.2	97.9	17.2	77.7	37.5		
Trieste	85	42.94	63.14	26.57	73.9	41.3	99.5	14.0	76.3	39.9		
Vienna	663	24.50	33.90	16.50	65.7	30.4	97.7	—8.0	67.1	28.0		
Vladivostok	55	19.54	33.60	9.39	63.9	11.0	95.7	—21.8	69.4	6.1		
Washington	112	43.50	61.33	30.85	74.7	34.5	106.0	—15.0	76.8	32.9		
Wellington (N.Z.)	10	48.65	67.68	27.83	61.8	48.6	88.0	28.6	62.5	47.7		
Zürich	1,542	45.15	78.27	29.02	63.3	31.3	94.1	—0.8	65.1	29.5		

FEDERAL CAPITAL SITE.

Canberra (Dist.)	(2,000 to 2,600)	22.73	41.29	10.45	(a) 67.8	(b) 44.0	102.6	14.0	68.3	42.6
Queanbeyan	(2,000 to 2,600)									

STATE CAPITALS.

Perth	197	34.03	46.73	20.21	(a) 73.0	(b) 55.9	108.4	34.2	74.2	55.2
Adelaide	140	21.21	30.87	11.39	73.0	53.0	116.3	32.0	74.1	51.7
Brisbane	137	45.27	88.26	16.17	76.7	59.6	108.9	36.1	77.1	58.4
Sydney	138	47.62	82.76	21.49	71.0	54.1	108.5	35.9	71.6	52.6
Melbourne	115	25.65	44.25	15.61	66.6	50.0	111.2	27.0	67.5	48.6
Hobart	177	23.81	43.39	13.43	61.5	46.8	105.2	27.0	62.3	45.6

(a) Mean of the three hottest months.

(b) Mean of the three coldest months.

17. Climatological Tables.—The means, averages, extremes, totals, etc., for a number of climatological elements have been determined from long series of observations at the Australian capitals up to and including the year 1925. These are given in the following tables :—

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA—PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

LAT. 31° 57' S., LONG. 115° 50' E. HEIGHT ABOVE M.S.L. 197 FT.

BAROMETER, WIND, EVAPORATION, LIGHTNING, CLOUDS, AND CLEAR DAYS.

Month.	Bar. corrected to 32° F. Mm. Sea Level and Standard Gravity from 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. readings.	Wind.				Mean Amount of Evaporation (inches).	No. of Days Lightning.	Mean Amount of Clouds, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. & 9 p.m.	No. of Clear Days.
		Greatest Number of Miles in One Day.	Mean Hourly Pressure. (lbs.)	Total Miles.	Prevailing Direction.				
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	41	28	28	28	28	27	28	29	29
January ..	29.906	797 27/98	0.68	11,224	S S E	10.37	1.6	2.3	13.9
February ..	29.922	650 6/08	0.62	10,139	S S E	8.59	1.5	2.0	11.7
March ..	29.986	651 6/13	0.53	9,932	S S E	7.63	1.4	3.2	12.0
April ..	30.076	955 25/00	0.40	8,356	S E	4.76	1.2	4.2	7.9
May ..	30.072	768 5/12	0.36	8,090	E N E	2.72	2.2	5.3	5.1
June ..	30.058	861 27/10	0.36	7,951	N	1.75	2.3	5.9	3.3
July ..	30.094	949 11/99	0.39	8,461	N	1.71	2.4	5.4	5.1
August ..	30.090	966 15/03	0.42	8,769	W	2.38	1.6	5.2	5.3
September ..	30.061	864 11/05	0.46	8,607	S W	3.30	1.4	4.9	5.8
October ..	30.031	809 6/16	0.53	8,850	S S W	5.22	1.0	4.8	5.8
November ..	29.990	777 18/97	0.60	10,067	S	7.63	1.2	3.8	8.3
December ..	29.927	776 6/22	0.65	10,911	S	9.77	1.8	3.1	12.1
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	—	65.83	19.6	—	96.3
Averages ..	30.018	—	0.50	9,363	S	—	—	4.3	—
Extremes ..	—	966 15/8/03	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

TEMPERATURE AND SUNSHINE.

Month.	Mean Temperature (Fahr.).			Extreme Shade Temperature (Fahr.).		Extreme Range.	Extreme Temperature (Fahr.).		Mean Hours of Sunshine.
	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Mean	Highest.	Lowest.		Highest in Sun.	Lowest on Grass.	
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	29	29	29	29	29	29	27	27	28
January ..	84.2	63.1	73.6	108.4 28/21	49.9 1/21	58.5	177.3 22/14	40.4 1/2	318.6
February ..	84.9	63.4	74.2	107.4 4/23	47.7 1/02	59.7	169.0 4/99	39.8 1/13	270.7
March ..	81.4	61.0	71.2	106.4 14 22	45.8 8/03	60.6	167.0 19/18	36.7 8/03	268.0
April ..	76.1	57.1	66.6	99.7 9/10	39.3 20/14	60.4	157.0 8/16	31.0 20/14	219.0
May ..	68.7	52.6	60.6	90.4 2/07	34.3 11/14	56.1	144.2 8/24	25.3 11/14	176.4
June ..	63.9	49.5	56.7	81.7 2/14	35.0 30/20	46.7	135.5 9/14	26.5 30/20	143.9
July ..	62.7	47.7	55.2	76.4 21/21	34.2 7/16	42.2	133.2 13/15	25.1 30/20	167.3
August ..	63.8	48.0	55.9	81.0 12/14	35.3 31/08	45.7	145.1 29/21	27.9 10/11	187.2
September ..	66.1	50.1	58.1	90.9 30/19	38.9 17/13	52.0	153.6 29/16	29.2 21/16	203.9
October ..	69.1	52.5	60.8	95.3 30/22	40.5 5/24	54.8	154.0 29/14	30.5 4/17	235.8
November ..	75.6	56.6	66.1	104.6 24/13	42.0 1/04	62.6	167.0 30/25	35.5 (a)	286.2
December ..	80.7	60.5	70.6	107.9 20/04	48.0 2/10	59.9	168.7 25/15	39.0 12/20	321.7
Year { Averages ..	73.1	55.2	64.1	—	—	—	—	—	2798.7
Extremes ..	—	—	—	108.4 28/21	34.2 7/7/16	74.2	177.3 22/1/14	25.1 30/7/20	—

HUMIDITY, RAINFALL, AND DEW.

Month.	Vapour Pressure (inches).	Rel. Hum. (%)				Rainfall (inches).				Dew.
		Mean 9 a.m.	Mean 9 a.m.	Highest Mean.	Lowest Mean.	Mean Monthly.	Mean No. of Days Rain.	Greatest Monthly.	Least Monthly.	Greatest In One Day.
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	29	29	29	29	50	50	50	50	50	29
January ..	0.431	52	61	42	0.34	3	2.17 1879	0.00 (a)	1.74 29/79	2.5
February ..	0.451	54	65	46	0.45	3	2.98 1915	0.00 (a)	1.63 26/15	3.2
March ..	0.432	57	66	46	0.78	4	4.50 1896	0.00 (a)	2.06 28/23	3.5
April ..	0.397	63	72	51	1.58	6	4.97 1882	0.00 1920	2.62 30/04	9.1
May ..	0.370	72	81	61	4.94	14	12.13 1870	0.98 1903	2.80 20/79	15.2
June ..	0.336	78	83	68	6.92	17	12.80 1923	2.16 1877	3.90 10/20	15.2
July ..	0.315	78	84	69	6.45	17	11.29 1917	2.42 1876	3.00 4/01	13.4
August ..	0.318	78	79	63	5.62	18	10.33 1882	0.46 1902	2.79 7/03	11.3
September ..	0.342	68	76	58	3.40	15	7.84 1922	0.62 1914	1.73 23/09	9.4
October ..	0.355	62	75	54	2.18	12	7.87 1890	0.49 1892	1.38 15/10	5.3
November ..	0.376	55	63	46	0.79	6	2.78 1916	0.00 1891	1.11 30/03	3.7
December ..	0.413	52	62	44	0.58	4	3.05 1888	0.00 1886	1.72 1/88	2.8
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	34.03	119	—	—	—	91.2
Averages ..	0.371	62	—	—	—	—	12.80 6/1923	Nil (b)	3.90 10/6/20	—
Extremes ..	—	—	84	42	—	—	—	—	—	—

(a) Various years.

(b) Jan., Feb., March, April, Nov., Dec., various years.

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA—ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

LAT. 34° 56' S., LONG. 138° 35' E. HEIGHT ABOVE M.S.L. 140 FT.

BAROMETER, WIND, EVAPORATION, LIGHTNING, CLOUDS, AND CLEAR DAYS.

Month.	Bar. corrected to 32° F. Mm. Sea Level and Standard Gravity from 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. readings.	Wind.				Mean Amount of Evaporation (inches).	No. of Days Lightning.	Mean Amount of Clouds, 9 a.m., 3 p.m., & 9 p.m.	No. of Clear Days.
		Greatest Number of Miles in One Day.	Mean Hourly Pressure. (lbs.)	Total Miles.	Prevailing Direction.				
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	69	48	48	48	48	56	54	58	44
January ..	29.915	758 19/99	0.34	7,895	S	8.95	2.3	3.5	8.2
February ..	29.951	691 22/96	0.29	6,685	S	7.30	2.1	3.5	7.1
March ..	30.038	628 9/12	0.24	6,639	S S	5.81	2.1	3.9	7.1
April ..	30.122	773 10/96	0.21	6,067	S S	3.44	1.5	5.0	4.2
May ..	30.121	760 9/80	0.21	6,240	N N E	2.02	1.7	5.8	2.0
June ..	30.095	750 12/78	0.25	6,545	N	1.23	2.1	6.1	1.7
July ..	30.129	674 25/82	0.24	6,709	N	1.28	1.6	5.8	1.8
August ..	30.100	773 31/97	0.27	7,119	N N W	1.37	2.1	5.6	2.6
September ..	30.088	720 2/87	0.31	7,292	W	2.84	2.5	4.9	3.1
October ..	29.996	768 28/98	0.34	7,854	S W x W	4.75	3.3	4.9	3.9
November ..	29.975	677 2/04	0.32	7,522	S S W	6.55	2.5	4.6	5.3
December ..	29.919	675 12/91	0.34	7,878	S S W	8.40	2.6	3.8	7.4
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	—	54.44	27.4	—	54.4
Year { Averages ..	30.033	—	0.28	7,038	S W x S	—	—	4.8	—
Year { Extremes ..	—	773 (a)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(a) 10/4/86 and 31/8/97.

TEMPERATURE AND SUNSHINE.

Month.	Mean Temperature (Fahr.).			Extreme Shade Temperature (Fahr.).		Extreme Range.	Extreme Temperature (Fahr.).		Mean Hours of Sunshine.
	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Mean	Highest.	Lowest.		Highest in Sun.	Lowest on Grass.	
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	69	69	69	69	69	69	48	65	44
January ..	86.2	61.6	73.9	116.3 26/58	45.1 21/84	71.2	180.0 18/82	36.5 14/79	309.4
February ..	86.1	62.1	74.1	113.6 12/99	45.5 23/18	68.1	170.5 10/00	36.7 (c)	262.6
March ..	80.8	58.8	69.8	108.0 12/61	44.8 -/57	63.2	174.0 17/83	33.8 27/80	240.5
April ..	73.3	54.6	63.9	98.0 10/66	39.6 15/59	58.4	155.0 1/83	30.2 16/17	178.3
May ..	65.6	50.3	57.9	89.5 4/21	36.9 (a)	52.6	148.2 12/79	25.9 10/91	147.8
June ..	60.3	46.7	53.5	76.0 23/65	32.5 27/76	43.5	138.8 18/79	22.9 12/13	121.3
July ..	58.9	44.6	51.7	74.0 11/06	32.0 24/08	42.0	134.5 26/90	23.3 25/11	137.2
August ..	62.0	45.9	53.9	85.0 31/11	32.3 17/11	52.7	140.0 31/92	23.5 7/88	163.8
September ..	66.2	47.9	57.0	90.7 23/82	32.7 4/58	58.0	160.5 23/82	26.2 15/08	182.6
October ..	72.4	51.4	61.9	102.9 21/22	36.0 -/57	66.9	162.0 30/21	27.8 2/18	227.5
November ..	78.6	55.3	67.0	113.5 21/65	40.8 2/09	72.7	166.9 20/78	31.5 2/09	262.7
December ..	83.3	58.9	71.1	114.2 14/76	43.0 (b)	71.2	175.7 7/99	32.5 4/84	302.8
Year { Averages ..	72.8	53.2	63.0	—	—	—	—	—	2537.04
Year { Extremes ..	—	—	—	116.3 26/1/58	32.0 24/7/08	84.3	180.0 18/1/1882	22.9 12/6/1913	—

(a) 26/1895 and 24/1904.

(b) 16/1861 and 4/1906.

(c) 24/78 and 23/18.

(d) Total for year.

HUMIDITY, RAINFALL, AND DEW.

Month.	Vapour Pressure. (inches.)	Rel. Hum. (%)				Rainfall (inches).					Dew.	
		Mean 9.30 a.m.	Mean 9 a.m.	Highest Mean.	Lowest Mean.	Mean Monthly.	Mean No. of Days Rain.	Greatest Monthly.	Least Monthly.	Greatest in One Day.		
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	58	58	58	58	87	87	87	87	87	87	54	
January	0.336	38	59	30	0.73	4	4.00	1850	Nil	(a)	2.30 2/89	4.1
February .. .	0.348	41	56	30	0.72	4	6.09	1925	Nil	(b)	5.57 7/25	5.8
March	0.344	47	58	36	1.04	6	4.60	1878	Nil	(c)	3.50 5/78	11.2
April	0.335	56	72	37	1.75	9	6.78	1853	0.03	1923	3.15 5/60	14.0
May	0.315	67	76	49	2.76	14	7.75	1875	0.20	1891	2.75 1/33	15.7
June	0.301	77	84	69	3.14	16	8.58	1916	0.42	1886	2.11 1/20	15.8
July	0.276	76	87	68	2.64	16	5.38	1865	0.37	1899	1.75 10/65	17.2
August	0.285	69	77	54	2.50	16	6.24	1852	0.35	1914	2.23 19/51	16.5
September ..	0.291	62	72	44	-2.06	14	5.83	1923	0.45	1806	1.59 20/23	15.5
October	0.292	51	67	29	-1.73	11	3.83	1870	0.17	1914	2.24 16/08	12.8
November .. .	0.304	43	57	31	1.15	8	3.55	1851	0.04	1885	1.88 28/58	7.0
December .. .	0.311	39	50	33	0.99	5	3.98	1861	Nil	1904	2.42 23/13	4.8
Year { Totals	—	—	—	—	21.21	123	—	—	—	—	—	140.4
Year { Averages .. .	0.311	53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Year { Extremes .. .	—	—	87	29	—	—	8.58	6/16	Nil	(d)	5.57 7/2/25	—

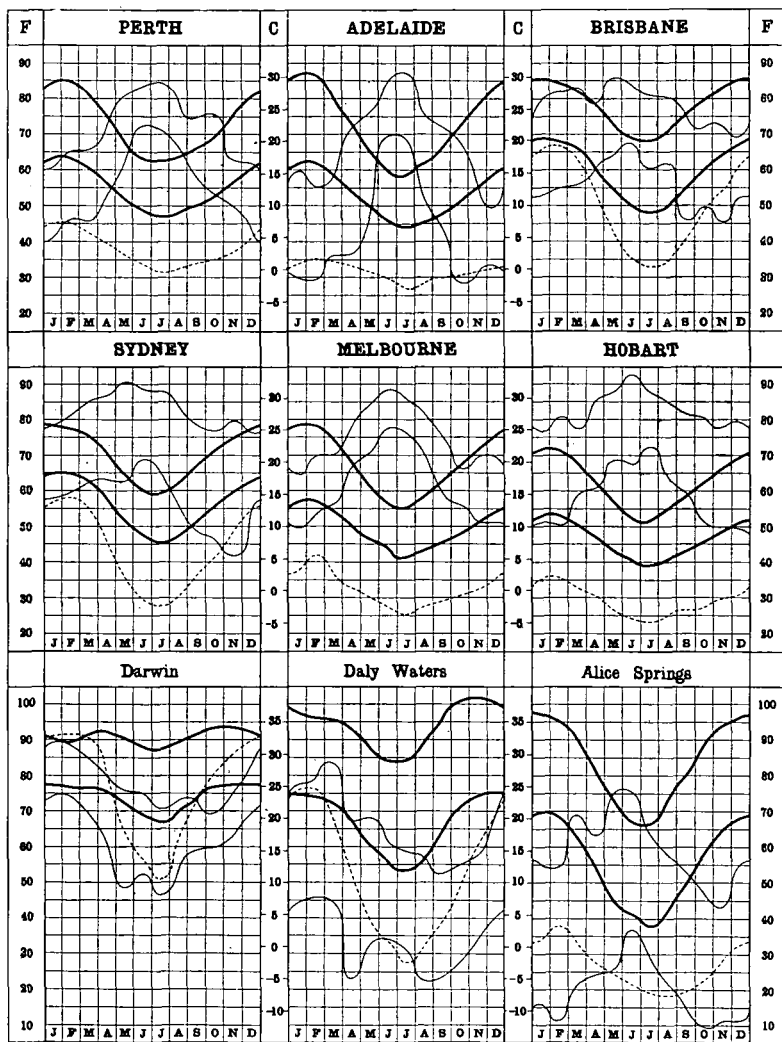
(a) 1848, etc.

(b) 1848, etc.

(c) 1859, etc.

(d) January, February, March, December, various years.

ANNUAL FLUCTUATIONS OF NORMAL MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY.



EXPLANATION.—The upper and lower heavy lines in each graph represent the maximum and minimum temperatures respectively. The Fahrenheit temperature scales are shown on the outer edge of the sheet under "F," and the centigrade scales in the two inner columns under "C."

The broken line shows the normal absolute humidity in the form of 9 a.m. vapour pressures for which the figures in the outer "F" columns represent hundredths of an inch of barometric pressure.

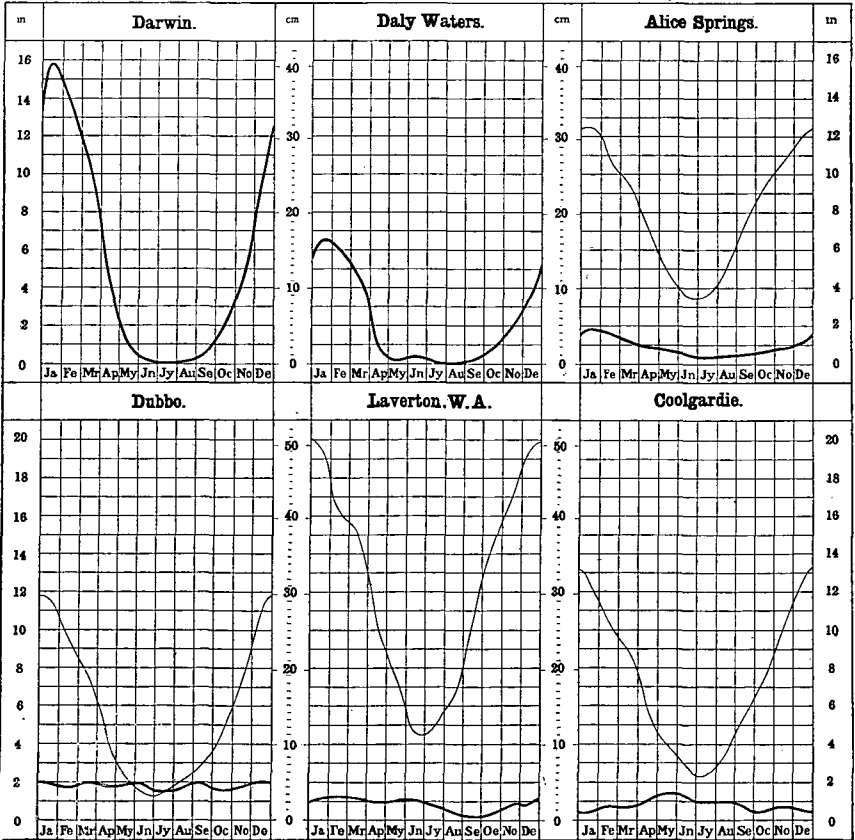
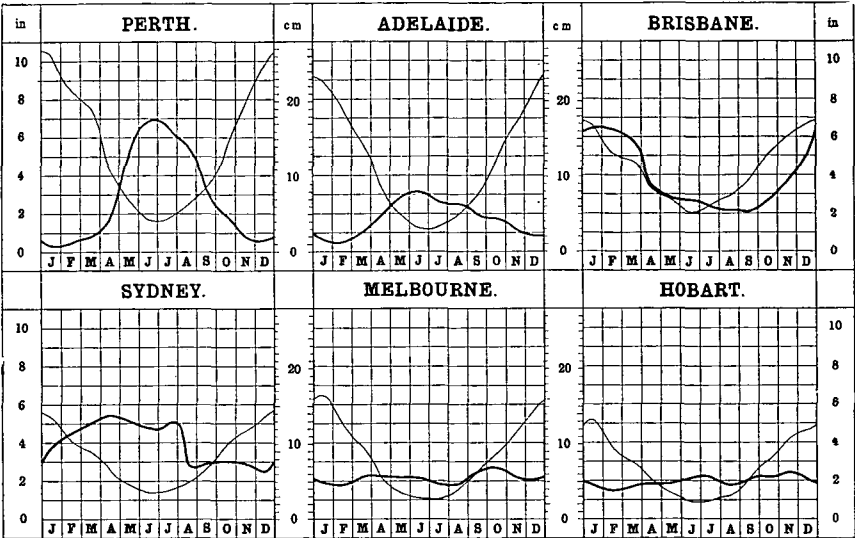
The upper and lower fine lines join the greatest and the least monthly means of relative humidity respectively, the figures under the outer columns "F" indicating percentage values.

The curves for temperature and vapour pressure joining the mean monthly values serve to show the annual fluctuation of these elements, but the relative humidity graphs joining the extreme values for each month do not indicate any normal annual variation.

Comparison of the maximum and minimum temperature curves affords a measure of the mean diurnal range of temperature. At Perth in the middle of January, for instance, there is normally a range of 21° from 63° F. to 84° F., but in June it is only 15° from 48° F. to 63° F.

The relative humidity curves illustrate the extreme range of the mean monthly humidity over a number of years.

MEAN MONTHLY RAINFALL AND EVAPORATION.



EXPLANATION.—On the preceding graphs thick lines denote rainfall, and thin lines evaporation, and show the fluctuation of the mean rate of fall *per month* throughout the year. The results, plotted from the Climatological Tables herein are shown in inches (see the outer columns), and the corresponding metric scale (centimetres) is shown in the two inner columns. The evaporation is not given for Darwin and Daly Waters.

At Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Hobart, Alice Springs, and Coolgardie the results have been obtained from jacketed tanks sunk in the ground. At Sydney and Dubbo sunken tanks without water jackets are used, whilst at Laverton (W.A.) the records are taken from a small portable jacketed evaporation dish of 8 inches in diameter.

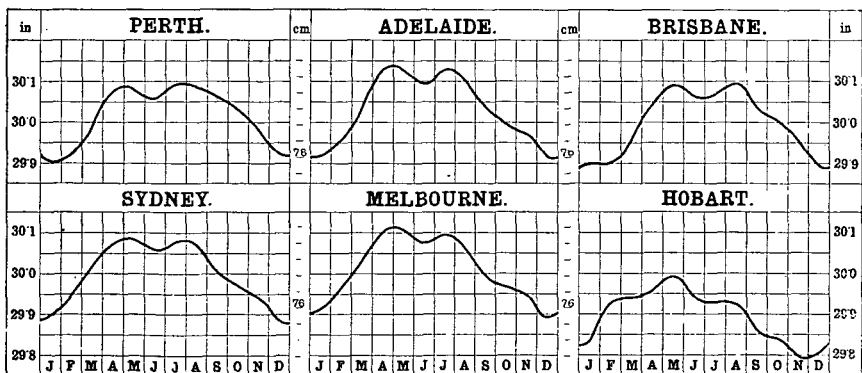
The distance for any date from the zero line to the curve represents the average number of inches, reckoned as per month, of rainfall at that date. Thus, taking the curves for Adelaide in the middle of January the rain falls on the average at the rate of about three-fourths of an inch per month, or, say, at the rate of about 9 inches per year. In the middle of June it falls at the rate of a little over 3 inches per month, or, say, at the rate of about 37 inches per year. At Dubbo, the evaporation is at the rate of nearly 11½ inches per month about the middle of January, and only about 1½ inches at the middle of June.

The mean annual rainfall and evaporation at the places indicated are given in the appended table.

MEAN ANNUAL RAINFALL AND EVAPORATION.

Place.	Rainfall.	Evapora- tion.	Place.	Rainfall.	Evapora- tion.
	In.	In.		In.	In.
Perth ..	31.33	65.83	Darwin ..	61.87	—
Adelaide ..	21.21	54.44	Daly Waters ..	26.48	—
Brisbane ..	45.27	53.29	Alice Springs ..	11.15	94.24
Sydney ..	47.62	38.58	Dubbo ..	21.91	66.37
Melbourne ..	25.65	38.84	Laverton, W.A.	9.69	141.29
Hobart ..	23.81	31.61	Coolgardie ..	10.13	85.25

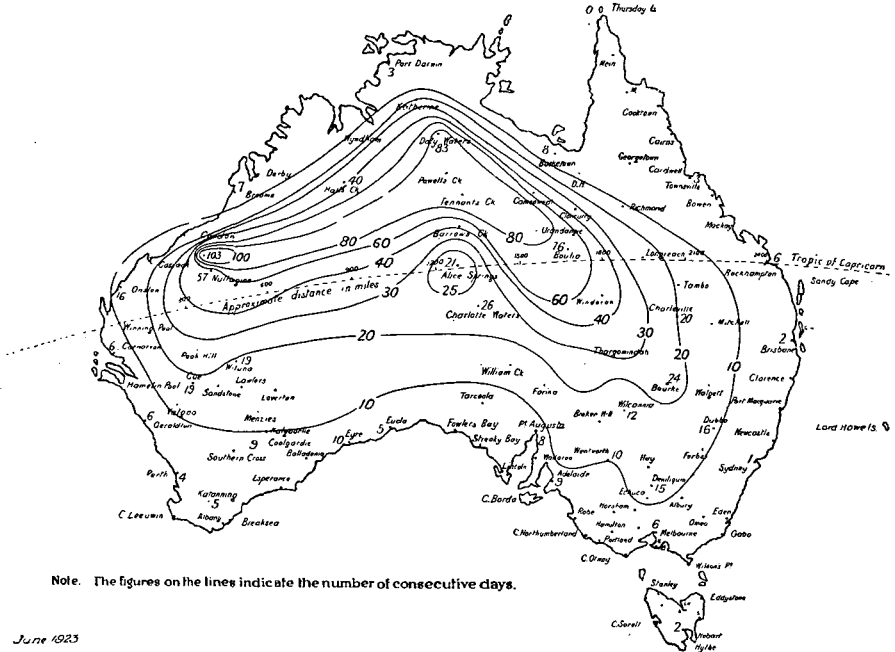
MEAN BAROMETRIC PRESSURE.—CAPITAL CITIES.



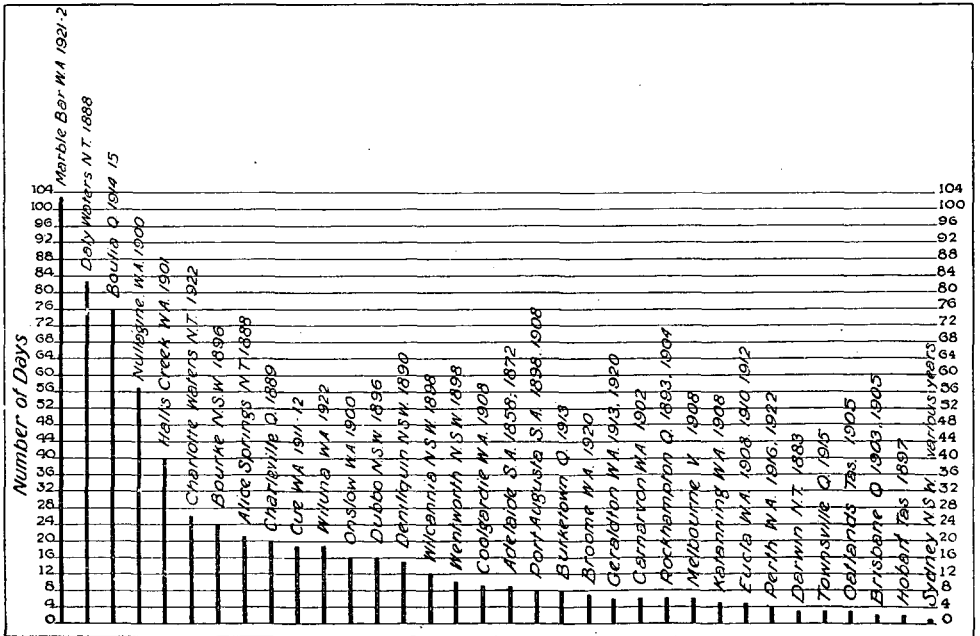
EXPLANATION.—The lines representing the yearly fluctuations of barometric pressure at the State capital cities are means for long periods, and are plotted from the Climatological Tables herein. The pressures are shown in inches on a about 2½ times the natural scale, and the corresponding pressures in centimetres are also shown in the two inner columns, in which each division represents one millimetre.

INTERPRETATION.—Taking the Brisbane graph for purposes of illustration, it will be seen that the mean pressure in the middle of January is about 29.87 inches, and there are maxima in the middle of May and August of about 30.09 inches.

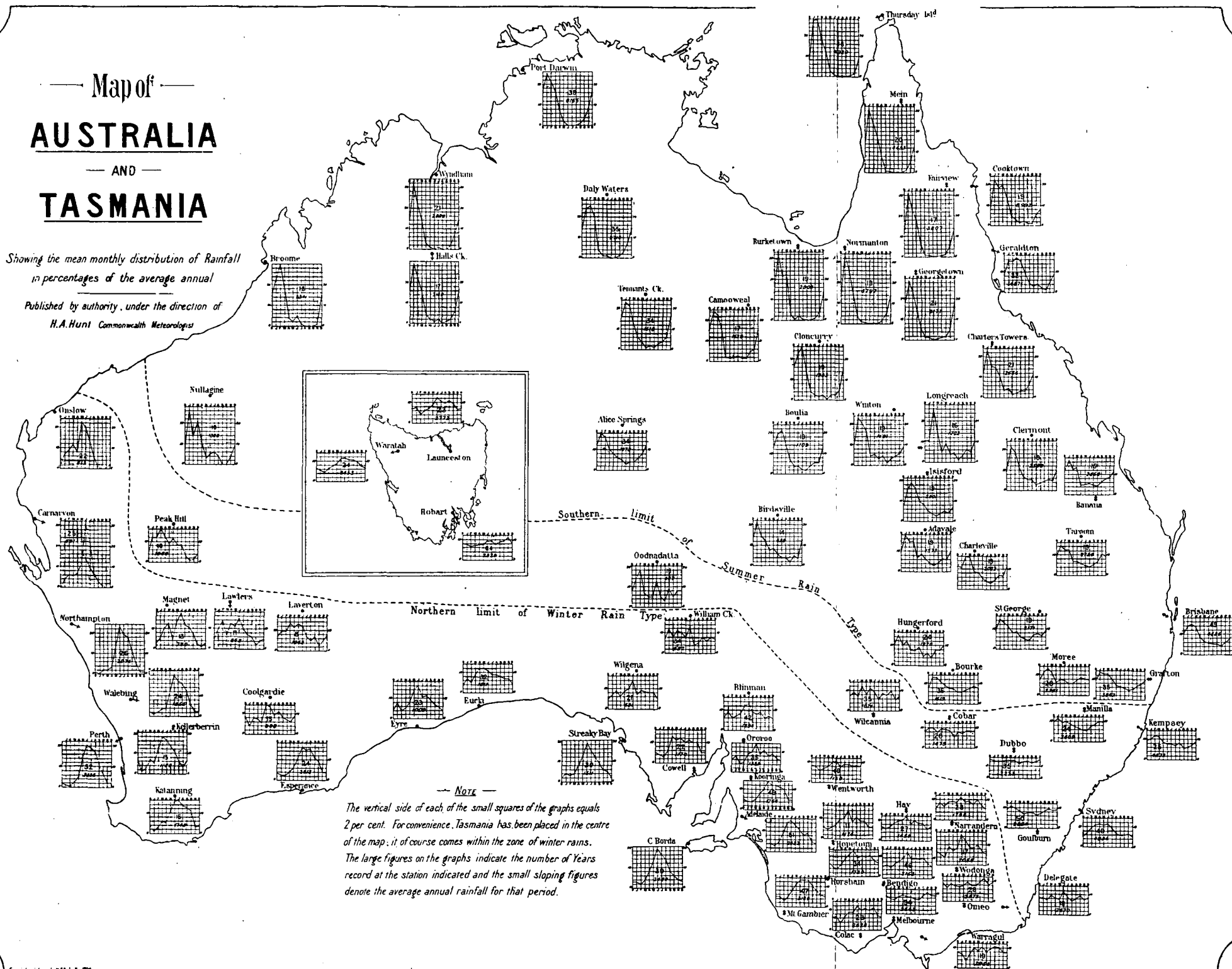
Area affected and period of duration of the Longest Heat Waves when the Maximum Temperature for consecutive 24 hours reached or exceeded 100° Fah.



Greatest number of consecutive days on which the Shade Temperature was over 100° Fah. at the places indicated.



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CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA—BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND.

LAT. 27° 28' S., LONG. 150° 2' E. HEIGHT ABOVE M.S.L. 137 FT.

BAROMETER, WIND, EVAPORATION, LIGHTNING, CLOUDS, AND CLEAR DAYS.

Month.	Bar. corrected to 32° F. Mm. Sea Level and Standard Gravity from 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. readings.	Wind.				Mean Amount of Evaporation (inches).	No. of Days Lightning.	Mean Amount of Clouds, 9 a.m., 3 p.m. & 9 p.m.	No. of Clear Days.
		Greatest Number of Miles in One Day.	Mean Hourly Pressure. (lbs.)	Total Miles.	Prevailing Direction.				
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	39	15	15	15	39	17	39	34	17
January ..	29.868	361 1/22	0.12	4,710	E & S E	6.431	6.0	5.7	3.3
February ..	29.901	347 5/22	0.14	4,602	S E	5.205	5.3	5.7	1.9
March ..	29.957	348 10/25	0.10	4,399	S E & S	4.890	4.6	5.2	5.1
April ..	30.051	400 3/25	0.10	4,085	S	3.902	3.2	4.5	7.7
May ..	30.083	307 20/22	0.08	3,827	S	2.854	3.3	4.3	8.8
June ..	30.066	400 12/24	0.08	3,820	S	2.213	2.2	4.1	8.8
July ..	30.073	359 2/23	0.08	3,877	S to W	2.509	2.4	3.7	11.5
August ..	30.097	331 6/23	0.09	4,102	S	3.058	3.6	3.4	11.8
September ..	30.037	322 14/23	0.08	3,818	S	3.979	5.9	3.5	12.2
October ..	30.005	325 25/18	0.10	4,221	N E	5.422	6.9	4.1	8.4
November ..	29.958	274 18/23	0.12	4,509	N E	5.999	8.4	4.7	6.6
December ..	29.889	308 24/24	0.13	4,872	N E	6.831	8.8	5.3	3.7
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	S to E and	53.293	60.6	4.5	89.8
Averages ..	29.999	—	0.10	4,237	—	—	—	—	—
Extremes ..	—	400 3/4/25	—	—	N E	—	—	—	—

TEMPERATURE AND SUNSHINE.

Month.	Mean Temperature (Fahr.).			Extreme Shade Temperature (Fahr.).		Extreme Range.	Extreme Temperature (Fahr.).		Mean Hours of Sunshine.
	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Mean.	Highest.	Lowest.		Highest in Sun.	Lowest on Grass.	
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	17
January ..	85.4	68.8	77.1	108.9 14/02	58.8 4/93	50.1	166.4 10/17	49.9 4/93	220.7
February ..	84.5	68.5	76.5	105.7 21/25	58.7 (a)	47.0	165.2 6/10	49.3 9/89	204.8
March ..	82.3	66.3	74.3	99.4 5/19	52.4 29/13	47.0	161.7 4/25	45.4 29/13	205.5
April ..	76.4	61.6	69.0	95.2 (b)	44.4 25/25	50.8	153.8 11/16	36.7 24/25	204.6
May ..	73.6	55.4	64.5	90.3 21/23	41.3 24/99	49.0	147.0 1/10	29.8 8/97	197.2
June ..	69.4	51.0	60.2	88.9 19/18	36.3 29/08	52.6	136.0 3/18	25.4 23/88	171.8
July ..	68.4	48.5	58.4	83.4 28/98	36.1 (c)	47.3	146.1 20/15	23.9 11/00	199.7
August ..	70.8	49.8	60.3	87.5 28/07	37.4 6/87	50.1	141.9 20/17	27.1 9/99	225.0
September ..	75.7	54.8	65.2	95.2 16/12	40.7 1/96	54.5	155.5 26/03	30.4 1/89	235.3
October ..	79.7	59.9	69.8	101.4 18/93	43.3 3/99	58.1	157.4 31/18	34.9 8/89	252.5
November ..	82.8	64.2	73.5	106.1 18/13	48.5 2/05	57.6	162.3 7/89	38.8 1/05	241.6
December ..	85.5	67.6	76.5	105.9 26/93	56.4 13/12	49.5	160.4 7/14	49.1 3/94	242.2
Year { Averages ..	77.9	59.7	68.8	—	—	72.8	—	—	2600.9
Extremes ..	—	—	—	108.9 14/1/02	36.1 (d)	—	166.4 10/1/17	23.9 11/7/90	—

(a) 10 and 11/04.

(b) 9/96 and 5/03.

(c) 12/94 and 2/96.

(d) 12/7/94 and 2/7/96.

HUMIDITY, RAINFALL, AND DEW.

Month.	Vapour Pressure (inches).	Rel. Hum. (%)				Rainfall (inches).					Dew.		
		Mean 9 a.m.	Mean 9 a.m.	Highest Mean.	Lowest Mean.	Mean Monthly.	Mean No. of Days Rain.	Greatest Monthly.	Least Monthly.	Greatest in One Day.	Mean No. Days Dew.		
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	39	39	39	39	74	66	74	74	74	39			
January ..	0.653	66	79	53	6.33	14	27.72	1895	0.32	1919	18.31	21/87	6.4
February ..	0.649	69	82	55	6.26	14	40.39	1893	0.58	1849	8.36	16/93	6.5
March ..	0.629	72	85	56	5.81	15	34.04	1870	nil	1840	11.18	14/08	9.9
April ..	0.535	72	80	60	3.58	12	15.28	1867	0.04	1897	4.47	13/16	12.3
May ..	0.424	74	85	63	2.87	10	13.85	1876	nil	1846	5.62	9/79	13.6
June ..	0.355	75	84	67	2.73	8	14.03	1873	nil	1847	6.01	9/93	11.5
July ..	0.333	74	81	61	2.33	8	8.46	1889	nil	1841	3.54	16/89	12.8
August ..	0.348	70	80	60	2.12	7	14.67	1879	nil	(a)	4.89	12/87	10.8
September ..	0.415	65	76	47	2.05	8	5.43	1886	0.10	1907	2.46	2/94	10.7
October ..	0.478	61	72	48	2.54	9	9.99	1882	0.14	1900	1.95	20/89	8.8
November ..	0.540	60	72	45	3.75	10	12.41	1917	nil	1842	4.46	16/86	5.8
December ..	0.617	63	69	52	4.90	12	13.99	1910	0.35	1865	6.60	28/71	5.3
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	45.27	127	—	—	—	—	—	—	114.3
Averages ..	0.479	69	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Extremes ..	—	—	85	45	—	—	40.39	2/93	nil	(b)	18.31	21/1/87	—

(a) 1862, 1869, 1880.

(b) March, May, June, July, August, and November, various years.

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA—SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.

LAT. 33° 52' S., LONG. 151° 12' E. HEIGHT ABOVE M.S.L., 138 FT.

BAROMETER, WIND, EVAPORATION, LIGHTNING, CLOUDS, AND CLEAR DAYS.

Month.	Bar. corrected to 32° F. Mm. Sea Level and Standard Gravity from 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. readings.	Wind.				Mean Amount of Evaporation (inches).	No. of Days Lightning.	Mean Amount of Clouds, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., & 9 p.m.	No. of Clear Days.
		Greatest Number of Miles in One Day.	Mean Hourly Pressure, (lbs.)	Total Miles.	Prevailing Direction.				
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	67	59	59	59	59	46	66	64	62
January ..	29.898	721 1/71	0.35	8,050	N E	5.288	4.8	5.8	2.4
February ..	29.943	871 12/69	0.31	6,895	N E	4.156	4.3	6.0	1.8
March ..	30.012	943 20/70	0.24	6,690	N E	3.583	4.1	5.5	2.3
April ..	30.075	803 6/82	0.21	6,051	N E	2.563	3.8	5.0	3.3
May ..	30.080	758 6/98	0.21	6,264	W	1.771	3.3	4.9	3.8
June ..	30.058	712 7/00	0.27	6,811	W	1.423	2.2	4.8	4.2
July ..	30.074	930 17/79	0.27	7,018	W	1.519	2.3	4.4	5.1
August ..	30.071	756 22/72	0.25	6,776	W	1.885	3.1	4.0	5.5
September ..	30.005	964 6/74	0.29	7,021	W	2.661	4.1	4.3	4.7
October ..	29.969	926 4/72	0.31	7,662	N E	3.839	4.9	4.9	3.1
November ..	29.939	720 13/68	0.32	7,493	N E	4.555	5.4	5.5	2.1
December ..	29.882	938 3/84	0.34	7,916	N E	5.343	5.7	5.6	2.4
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	—	38.584	48.0	—	40.7
Averages ..	30.000	—	0.28	7,054	N E	—	—	—	—
Extremes ..	—	964 6/9/74	—	—	—	—	—	5.1	—

TEMPERATURE AND SUNSHINE.

Month.	Mean Temperature (Fahr.).			Extreme Shade Temperature (Fahr.).		Extreme Range.	Extreme Temperature (Fahr.).		Mean Hours of Sunshine.
	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Mean	Highest.	Lowest.		Highest in Sun.	Lowest on Grass.	
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	67	67	67	67	67	67	64	67	15
January ..	78.4	64.8	71.6	108.5 13/96	51.2 14/65	57.3	164.3 26/15	43.7 6/25	206.8
February ..	77.6	64.9	71.2	101.9 18/23	49.3 28/63	52.6	156.5 7/64	43.4 25/91	185.8
March ..	75.7	62.9	69.3	102.6 3/69	48.8 14/86	53.8	158.0 19/11	39.9 17/13	192.5
April ..	71.3	58.1	64.7	91.0 20/22	44.6 27/64	46.4	144.1 10/77	33.3 24/09	153.9
May ..	65.4	52.2	58.8	86.0 1/19	40.2 22/59	45.8	129.7 1/96	29.3 25/17	137.8
June ..	61.0	48.3	54.7	79.8 2/23	38.0 5/20	41.8	125.5 2/23	28.1 24/11	126.9
July ..	59.4	45.9	52.6	74.9 17/71	35.9 12/90	39.0	124.7 19/77	24.0 4/93	143.7
August ..	62.5	47.5	55.0	82.0 31/84	36.8 3/72	45.2	149.0 30/78	26.1 4/09	185.5
September ..	66.9	51.4	59.2	92.3 27/19	40.8 18/64	51.5	142.2 12/78	30.1 17/05	193.2
October ..	71.2	55.8	63.5	99.7 19/08	42.3 3/18	57.4	151.9 (a)	32.7 9/05	210.4
November ..	74.4	59.6	67.0	102.7 21/73	45.8 1/05	56.9	158.5 28/99	36.0 6/06	201.0
December ..	77.3	62.9	70.1	107.5 31/04	48.4 3/24	59.1	164.5 27/89	41.4 3/24	205.6
Year { Averages ..	70.1	56.2	63.2	—	—	—	—	—	2143.1
Extremes ..	—	—	—	108.5 13/1/96	35.9 12/7/90	72.6	164.5 27/12/89	24.0 4/7/93	—

(a) 30 and 31/14.

HUMIDITY, RAINFALL, AND DEW.

Month.	Vapour Pressure (inches.)	Rel. Hum. (%)				Rainfall (inches).						Dew.
		Mean 9 a.m.	Mean 9 a.m.	Highest Mean.	Lowest Mean.	Mean Monthly.	Mean No. of Days Rain.	Greatest Monthly.	Least Monthly.	Greatest in One Day.	Mean No. Days Dew.	
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	
January ..	0.556	67	78	58	3.67	14	15.26	1911	0.42	1888	7.08 13/11	1.2
February ..	0.507	70	81	59	4.29	14	18.56	1873	0.34	1902	8.90 25/73	2.1
March ..	0.534	72	85	62	4.89	15	18.70	1870	0.42	1876	6.52 9/13	3.4
April ..	0.459	76	87	63	5.37	14	24.49	1861	0.06	1868	7.52 29/60	6.6
May ..	0.335	74	90	63	5.27	15	23.03	1919	0.18	1860	8.36 28/89	6.3
June ..	0.292	76	89	68	4.80	13	16.30	1885	0.19	1904	5.17 16/84	5.4
July ..	0.269	75	88	65	4.90	12	13.21	1900	0.12	1862	5.72 28/08	5.4
August ..	0.294	71	84	56	3.04	11	14.39	1899	0.04	1885	5.33 2/60	5.0
September ..	0.352	67	79	49	2.87	12	14.04	1879	0.08	1882	5.69 10/79	3.5
October ..	0.402	63	77	46	2.87	12	11.14	1916	0.21	1867	6.37 13/02	3.0
November ..	0.466	64	79	42	2.85	12	9.88	1865	0.07	1915	4.23 19/00	2.1
December ..	0.530	66	77	52	2.80	13	15.82	1920	0.23	1913	4.75 13/10	1.4
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	47.62	157	—	—	—	—	—	44.4
Average ..	0.421	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Extremes ..	—	—	90	42	—	—	24.49	April/1861	0.04	Aug./1885	8.90 25/2/73	—

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA—MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.

LAT. 37° 49' S., LONG. 144° 58' E. HEIGHT ABOVE M.S.L., 115 FT.

BAROMETER, WIND, EVAPORATION, LIGHTNING, CLOUDS, AND CLEAR DAYS.

Month.	Bar. corrected to 32° F. Mm. Sea Level and Standard Gravity from 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. readings.	Wind.				Mean Amount of Evaporation (inches).	No. of Days Lightning.	Mean Amount of Clouds, 9 a.m. 3 p.m. & 9 p.m.	No. of Clear Days.
		Greatest Number of Miles in One Day.	Mean Hourly Pressure. (lbs.)	Total Miles.	Prevailing Direction.				
No. of yrs. over which observation extends.	68	52	52	52	52	53	18	68	18
January ..	29.910	583 10/97	0.27	7,269	S W, S E	6.419	2.0	5.1	7.5
February ..	29.960	566 8/68	0.25	63,08	S W, S E	5.044	2.7	5.0	6.7
March ..	30.033	677 9/81	0.20	6,275	S W, S E	3.973	1.6	5.5	5.1
April ..	30.106	597 7/68	0.19	5,666	S W, N W	2.386	0.8	5.8	4.6
May ..	30.101	693 12/65	0.19	5,849	N W, N E	1.464	0.6	6.5	3.1
June ..	30.073	761 13/76	0.22	6,345	N W, N E	1.089	0.7	6.7	2.2
July ..	30.093	755 8/74	0.21	6,305	N W, N E	1.048	0.5	6.3	3.1
August ..	30.067	637 14/75	0.24	6,762	N W, N E	1.469	1.1	6.3	3.0
September ..	29.997	617 11/72	0.26	6,943	N W, S W	2.300	1.6	6.1	3.7
October ..	29.964	899 5/66	0.27	7,231	S W, N W	3.348	2.1	6.0	4.0
November ..	29.950	734 13/66	0.27	6,953	S W, S E	4.539	2.4	5.9	3.9
December ..	29.898	655 1/75	0.27	7,393	S W, S E	5.766	1.8	5.5	4.4
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	—	38.845	17.9	—	51.3
Year { Averages ..	30.012	—	0.24	6,608	S W, N W	—	—	5.9	—
Year { Extremes ..	—	899 5/10/66	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

TEMPERATURE AND SUNSHINE.

Month.	Mean Temperature (Fahr.).			Extreme Shade Temperature (Fahr.).		Extreme Range.	Extreme Temperature (Fahr.).		Mean Hours of Sunshine.
	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Mean	Highest.	Lowest.		Highest in Sun.	Lowest on Grass.	
No. of yrs. over which observation extends.	70	70	70	70	70	70	66	66	44
January ..	78.1	56.8	67.4	111.2 14/62	42.0 28/85	69.2	178.5 14/62	30.2 28/85	264.7
February ..	78.0	57.1	67.5	109.5 7/01	40.2 24/24	69.3	167.5 15/70	30.9 6/91	243.3
March ..	74.3	54.6	64.4	105.5 2/93	37.1 17/84	68.4	164.5 1/68	28.9 (b)	207.7
April ..	68.2	50.9	59.5	94.0 (a)	34.8 24/88	59.2	152.0 8/61	25.0 23/97	163.6
May ..	61.5	46.7	54.1	83.7 7/05	29.9 29/16	53.8	142.6 2/59	21.1 26/16	139.9
June ..	56.8	44.1	50.4	72.2 1/07	28.0 11/66	44.2	129.0 11/61	20.4 17/95	110.7
July ..	55.5	41.8	48.6	68.4 24/78	27.0 21/69	41.4	125.8 27/80	20.5 12/03	106.2
August ..	58.7	43.3	51.0	77.0 20/85	28.3 11/63	48.7	137.4 29/69	21.3 14/02	155.8
September ..	62.5	45.6	54.1	85.0 19/19	31.1 16/08	53.9	142.1 20/67	22.8 8/18	171.6
October ..	67.0	48.2	57.6	98.4 24/14	32.1 3/71	66.2	154.3 28/68	24.8 22/18	206.8
November ..	71.3	51.2	61.3	105.7 27/94	36.5 2/96	69.2	159.6 29/65	24.6 2/96	242.9
December ..	75.3	54.3	64.8	110.7 15/76	40.0 4/70	70.7	170.3 20/69	33.3 1/04	256.0
Year { Averages ..	67.3	49.5	58.4	—	—	—	—	—	c2271.2
Year { Extremes ..	—	—	—	111.2 14.1.62	27.0 21/7/69	84.2	178.5 14/1/62	20.4 17/6/95	—

(a) 6/1865 and 17/1922.

(b) 17/1884 and 20/1897.

(c) Total for year.

HUMIDITY, RAINFALL, AND DEW.

Month.	Vapour Pressure (inches)	Rel. Hum. (%)				Rainfall (inches).							Dew. Mean No. of Days Dew.
		Mean 9 a.m.	Mean 9 a.m.	Highest Mean.	Lowest Mean.	Mean Monthly.	Mean No. of Days Rain.	Greatest Monthly.		Least Monthly.	Greatest in One Day.		
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	18	18	18	18	70	70	70	70	67	18			
January	0.386	58	65	50	1.89	8	5.68	1904	0.04	1378	2.97	9/07	2.7
February	0.416	62	69	53	1.73	7	6.24	1904	-0.03	1870	3.37	18/19	2.9
March	0.376	64	71	57	2.20	9	7.50	1911	0.18	1859	3.55	5/19	7.3
April	0.336	71	78	66	2.20	11	6.71	1901	Nil	1923	2.28	22/01	8.7
May	0.305	79	86	71	2.17	13	4.31	1862	0.45	1901	1.85	7/91	9.4
June	0.276	84	89	77	2.07	14	4.51	1859	0.73	1877	1.74	21/04	8.7
July	0.260	82	86	76	1.85	14	7.02	1891	0.57	1902	2.71	12/91	9.4
August	0.269	78	82	70	1.88	14	4.04	1924	0.48	1903	1.94	26/24	8.4
September	0.291	69	76	60	2.45	14	7.93	1916	0.52	1907	2.62	12/80	6.0
October	0.303	62	67	53	2.64	13	7.61	1869	0.29	1914	3.00	17/60	6.1
November	0.332	59	69	52	2.26	11	6.71	1916	0.25	1895	2.57	16/76	1.9
December	0.357	57	69	51	2.31	9	7.18	1863	0.11	1904	2.62	28/07	1.9
Year { Totals	—	—	—	—	25.65	137	—	—	—	—	—	—	73.4
Year { Average	0.321	68	—	—	—	—	7.93	9/1916	Nil	4/1923	3.55	5/3/19	—
Year { Extremes	—	—	89	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA—HOBART, TASMANIA.

LAT. 42° 53' S., LONG. 147° 20' E. HEIGHT ABOVE M.S.L., 177 FT.

BAROMETER, WIND, EVAPORATION, LIGHTNING, CLOUDS, AND CLEAR DAYS.

Month.	Bar. corrected to 32° F. M.S. Level and Standard Gravity from 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. readings.	Wind.				Mean Amount of Evaporation (inches).	No. of Days Lightning.	Mean Amount of Clouds, 9 a.m., 3 p.m. & 9 p.m.	No. of Clear Days.
		Greatest Number of Miles in One Day.	Mean Hourly Pressure. (lbs.)	Total Miles.	Prevailing Direction. 9 a.m. 3 p.m.				
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	41	15	15	15	20	15	18	63	19
January ..	29.829	500 30/16	0.19	5,951	N N W S E	4.973	1.0	6.0	2.6
February ..	29.821	393 19/13	0.14	4,623	N N W S E	3.689	1.4	6.0	2.4
March ..	29.939	407 16/21	0.13	4,947	N N W S E	2.982	1.3	5.9	2.3
April ..	29.967	475 12/22	0.14	4,907	N N W N W	1.990	0.8	6.1	1.8
May ..	29.986	411 3/16	0.12	4,699	N N W N N W	1.350	0.6	6.0	2.2
June ..	29.946	569 27/20	0.13	4,693	N N W N N W	0.890	0.7	6.1	2.0
July ..	29.932	425 16/21	0.12	4,757	N N W N N W	0.887	0.6	5.8	2.5
August ..	29.930	508 3/25	0.13	4,925	N N W N N W	1.254	0.6	5.9	2.1
September ..	29.842	516 26/15	0.18	5,509	N N W N W	1.977	0.8	6.1	1.6
October ..	29.830	461 8/12	0.19	5,886	N N W S E	3.120	0.9	6.3	1.5
November ..	29.804	508 18/15	0.20	5,838	N N W S E	3.998	0.9	6.3	1.5
December ..	29.807	486 30/20	0.18	5,762	N N W S E	4.504	1.1	6.2	1.1
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	—	31.614	10.7	—	23.6
Averages ..	29.894	—	0.15	5.208	N N W S E & N N W	—	—	6.0	—
Extremes ..	—	569 27/6/20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

TEMPERATURE AND SUNSHINE.

Month.	Mean Temperature (Fahr.).			Extreme Shade Temperature (Fahr.).		Extreme Range.	Extreme Temperature (Fahr.).		Mean Hours of Sunshine.
	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Mean	Highest.	Lowest.		Highest in Sun.	Lowest on Grass.	
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	55	55	55	79	79	79	38	58	31
January ..	71.2	52.9	62.0	105.0 1/00	40.3 (a)	64.7	160.0 (b)	30.6 19/97	210.2
February ..	71.3	53.3	62.3	104.4 12/99	39.0 20/87	65.4	165.0 24/98	28.3 -/87	176.6
March ..	67.9	50.8	59.4	98.8 5/46	36.0 31/05	62.8	150.0 3/05	27.5 30/02	174.4
April ..	62.7	47.6	55.2	90.0 2/56	30.0 25/56	60.0	142.0 18/93	25.0 -/86	140.5
May ..	57.3	43.7	50.5	77.8 5/21	29.2 20/02	48.6	128.0 (c)	20.0 19/02	131.6
June ..	52.8	41.0	46.9	75.0 7/74	28.0 22/79	47.0	122.0 12/94	21.0 6/87	103.7
July ..	51.9	39.3	45.6	72.0 22/77	27.0 18/66	45.0	121.0 12/93	18.7 16/86	124.5
August ..	55.0	41.0	48.0	77.0 3/76	30.0 10/73	47.0	129.0 -/87	20.1 7/09	143.8
September ..	58.7	43.2	51.0	80.0 9/72	30.0 12/41	50.0	138.0 23/93	22.3 20/14	145.8
October ..	62.7	45.4	54.0	92.0 24/14	32.0 12/89	60.0	156.0 -/93	23.8 (d)	169.8
November ..	66.1	48.2	57.2	98.0 20/88	35.2 5/13	62.8	154.0 19/92	26.0 1/08	199.1
December ..	69.3	51.2	60.2	105.2 30/97	38.0 13/06	67.2	157.0 30/18	27.2 -/86	196.6
Year { Averages ..	62.2	46.5	54.4	—	—	—	—	—	1916.6e
Extremes ..	—	—	—	105.2 30/12/97	27.0 18/7/66	78.2	165.0 24/2/98	18.7 16/7/86	—

(a) 3/72 and 2/06. (b) 5/86 and 13/05. (c) -/88 and -/92. (d) 1/86 and -/99. (e) Total for Year.

HUMIDITY, RAINFALL, AND DEW.

Month.	Vapour Pressure (inches).	Rel. Hum. (%)				Rainfall (inches).				Dew.
	Mean 9 a.m.	Mean 9 a.m.	Highest Mean.	Lowest Mean.	Mean Monthly.	Mean No. of Days Rain.	Greatest Monthly.	Least Monthly.	Greatest in One Day.	Mean No. of Days Dew.
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	42	42	42	42	83	82	83	83	59	16
January ..	0.348	63	77	51	1.85	10	5.91 1893	0.03 1841	2.96 30/16	0.7
February ..	0.356	65	80	51	1.46	8	9.15 1854	0.07 1847	4.50 25/54a	1.8
March ..	0.328	68	78	58	1.71	10	7.80 1854	0.02 1843	2.79 5/19	4.6
April ..	0.307	73	84	61	1.86	12	6.50 1909	0.07 1904	5.02 20/09	10.4
May ..	0.267	78	88	68	1.88	13	6.37 1905	0.10 1843	3.22 14/58	13.1
June ..	0.245	82	92	69	2.23	14	8.15 1889	0.22 1852	4.11 14/89	8.6
July ..	0.234	80	88	72	2.18	14	6.02 1922	0.30 1850	2.51 18/22	8.3
August ..	0.249	77	85	64	1.84	14	10.16 1858	0.23 1854	3.55 29/44	4.7
September ..	0.266	71	82	60	2.09	14	7.14 1844	0.39 1847	3.50 29/44	3.0
October ..	0.273	66	80	51	2.24	15	6.67 1906	0.26 1850	3.97 6/40	1.2
November ..	0.296	63	78	50	2.50	14	8.92 1849	0.16 1868	2.48 13/16	0.9
December ..	0.312	61	79	49	1.98	11	9.00 1875	0.11 1842	—	—
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	23.81	149	—	—	—	65.9
Averages ..	0.282	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Extremes ..	—	—	92	49	—	—	10.16 8/1858	0.02 3/1843	5.02 20/4/09	—

(a) 4.18 on 26/54 also.