

## 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 mean value for 1931 was 23° 26' 53.51"), 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.)

Area.	Queensland.	Western Australia.	Northern Territory.	- Total.
	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.
Within Tropical Zone .. .. .	359,000	364,000	426,320	1,149,320
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 certain other countries are given in the following table :—

AREA OF AUSTRALIA AND OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

Country.	Area.	Country.	Area.
<b>Continental Divisions—</b>	Sq. miles.	<b>AFRICA—continued.</b>	Sq. miles.
Europe .. .. .	3,845,154	Belgian Congo .. .. .	918,000
Asia .. .. .	16,627,997	Algeria .. .. .	847,500
Africa .. .. .	11,226,845	Angola .. .. .	486,207
North and Central America and West Indies .. .. .	8,553,436	South African Union .. .. .	471,917
South America .. .. .	7,067,201	Portuguese East Africa .. .. .	287,756
Australasia and Polynesia	3,463,363	Tripolitania .. .. .	347,497
		Egypt .. .. .	383,000
Total, exclusive of Arctic and Antarctic Conts. . . .	50,783,996	Tanganyika Territory .. .. .	374,000
		Abyssinia .. .. .	350,000
<b>Europe—</b>		Nigeria and Protectorate .. .. .	335,700
Russia .. .. .	1,765,332	South-west Africa .. .. .	332,400
France .. .. .	212,659	Northern Rhodesia .. .. .	287,950
Spain (inc. possessions) .. .. .	196,607	Cyrenaica .. .. .	285,640
Germany .. .. .	181,723	Bechuanaland Protectorate	275,000
Sweden .. .. .	173,156	Madagascar .. .. .	241,094
Poland .. .. .	149,958	Kenya Colony and Protec- torate .. .. .	224,960
Finland .. .. .	132,589		
Norway .. .. .	125,086	<b>North and Central America—</b>	
Roumania .. .. .	122,282	Canada .. .. .	3,684,723
Italy .. .. .	119,710	United States .. .. .	3,026,789
Yugoslavia .. .. .	96,134	Mexico .. .. .	767,198
Great Britain and Northern Ireland .. .. .	94,633	Alaska .. .. .	590,884
		Newfoundland and Labra- dor .. .. .	162,734
		Nicaragua .. .. .	51,660
<b>Asia—</b>			
Russia .. .. .	6,475,318	<b>South America—</b>	
China and Dependencies .. .. .	4,279,170	Brazil .. .. .	3,275,510
British India and Adminis- tered Territories .. .. .	1,094,300	Argentine Republic .. .. .	1,153,119
Arabia and Autonomous States .. .. .	1,000,000	Peru .. .. .	532,047
Feudatory Indian States .. .. .	711,032	Bolivia .. .. .	514,155
Persia .. .. .	628,000	Colombia (exc. of Panama)	447,536
Dutch East Indies .. .. .	573,023	Venezuela .. .. .	393,874
Turkey .. .. .	285,334	Chile .. .. .	290,119
Japan (and Dependencies)	265,129	Ecuador .. .. .	109,978
Afghanistan .. .. .	245,000		
Siam .. .. .	200,148	<b>Australasia and Polynesia—</b>	
		Commonwealth of Australia	2,974,581
<b>Africa—</b>		Dutch New Guinea .. .. .	160,692
French West Africa .. .. .	1,440,191	New Zealand and Depen- dencies .. .. .	103,862
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan .. .. .	1,008,100	Papua .. .. .	90,540
French Equatorial Africa	912,049	Territory of New Guinea .. .. .	89,252
		<b>British Empire</b> .. .. .	13,355,426

The figures quoted in the table have, in most cases, been extracted from the Statesman's Year Book for 1931.

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 coast.

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.

## § 2. Climate and Meteorology of Australia.\*

1. **Introductory.**—In Year Book No. 3, pp. 79, 80, 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. 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 in 1907. Space will not permit of the inclusion of this matter in the present issue.

2. **Meteorological Publications.**—Reference to publications issued by the Central Meteorological Bureau will be found in Official Year Book No. 22, pp. 40, 41. The following publications have since been issued:—Volume of "Results of Rainfall Observations made in Western Australia," for all years of record to 1927; Map of Normal Meteorological Conditions in Australia affecting Aviation; and a Paper "A Basis for Seasonal Forecasting", by H. A. Hunt.

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-thirteenths of the whole, or the "temperate" region is half as large again as the "tropical" (more accurately 1.588). 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.* Reference to the divisions adopted by the Commonwealth Meteorologist will be found in Official Year Book No. 22, p. 41.

\* Prepared from data supplied by the Commonwealth Meteorologist, W. S. Watt, Esquire.

(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	Canberra ..	1,837	35 20	149 15
Adelaide ..	140	34 56	138 35	Darwin ..	97	12 28	130 51
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, Brisbane, Sydney, Perth, Melbourne, Adelaide, Canberra, Hobart and Alice Springs, while the relative humidity diminishes in the order, Sydney, Canberra, Darwin, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart, Perth 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 95 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.

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\* In Australia, artificial storage ponds or reservoirs are called “tanks”.

(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 physiological 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.

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 45 years.

Harvey Creek, in the shorter period of 27 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 was established twelve years ago, 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 147.26 inches, with a maximum of 175.12 inches 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 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. (b)
	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 records of which are given in the next table, it will be seen that Sydney, with a normal rainfall of 47.82 inches, occupies the chief place; Brisbane, Perth, Melbourne, Hobart, Canberra, and Adelaide following in that order, Adelaide with 21.10 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 for 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 5 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.*—(a) *Years 1901 to 1931.* 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. The capitals are dealt with in the order in which they occur in the adopted meteorological divisions.

## RAINFALL—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES.

Year.	CANNBERRA(a).		PERTH.		ADELAIDE.		BRISBANE.		SYDNEY.		MELBOURNE.		HOBART.	
	Amount.	No. of Days.	Amount.	No. of Days.	Amount.	No. of Days.	Amount.	No. of Days.	Amount.	No. of Days.	Amount.	No. of Days.	Amount.	No. of Days.
	in.		in.		in.		in.		in.		in.		in.	
1901 ..	..	..	36.75	122	18.01	124	38.48	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	25.85	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	5.03	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	24.56	125	44.01	125	45.65	167	17.72	130	16.50	148
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 ..	19.27	76	27.85	123	19.57	116	41.30	114	47.51	172	20.37	157	23.14	181
13 ..	16.38	71	38.28	141	18.16	102	40.81	115	37.70	141	21.17	157	19.36	165
14 ..	18.49	81	20.21	128	11.39	91	33.99	141	56.42	149	18.57	129	15.42	154
15 ..	22.31	87	43.61	164	19.38	117	25.66	93	34.83	117	20.95	167	20.91	196
16 ..	31.26	119	35.16	128	28.16	142	52.80	136	44.91	161	38.04	170	43.39	203
17 ..	29.70	144	45.64	146	28.90	153	40.92	127	52.40	151	30.57	171	30.62	214
18 ..	18.27	95	39.58	138	17.41	107	24.95	121	42.99	149	27.13	160	26.94	179
19 ..	16.31	85	30.66	120	17.21	108	19.36	96	58.71	152	24.89	141	22.48	153
20 ..	29.30	107	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	180
23 ..	..	..	44.47	134	29.79	139	23.27	93	37.01	123	22.64	158	32.93	198
24 ..	25.95	68	33.79	119	23.44	143	41.08	114	37.01	136	36.48	171	28.76	197
25 ..	33.71	59	31.41	126	21.91	118	53.10	139	50.35	145	17.57	144	22.40	171
26 ..	20.53	97	49.22	167	22.20	116	30.82	111	37.07	127	20.81	149	25.79	187
27 ..	21.40	83	36.50	133	16.92	101	62.08	130	48.56	138	17.98	135	20.02	183
28 ..	17.82	96	44.88	140	19.43	107	52.64	145	40.07	130	24.09	151	30.23	205
29 ..	22.34	88	36.77	172	17.51	119	39.78	118	57.90	129	28.81	168	26.55	194
30 ..	16.52	86	39.80	129	18.65	116	41.22	144	44.47	141	25.41	145	19.38	152
31 ..	24.25	105	39.18	118	22.26	146	66.72	136	49.22	153	28.63	164	27.17	179
Average	22.58	91	34.78	121	21.10	123	45.36	128	47.82	152	26.07	139	23.91	151
No. of Years	17	17	56	56	93	93	82	72	92	92	88	76	89	88

NOTE.—The above average rainfall figures for Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne differ slightly from the mean annual falls given in the Climatological Tables and on page 53, 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.

(a) Records commenced in 1912; none available for the years 1921 to 1923.

(b) *Ten Years' Means*, 1908 to 1928. The mean rainfall for the decennia ended 1908, 1918 and 1928, respectively, are given hereunder :—

**RAINFALL—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES, TEN YEARS' MEANS.**

Ten Years ended—	Canberra.	Perth.	Adelaide.	Brisbane.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Hobart.
1908 ..	in. (a)	in. 34.05	in. 21.15	in. 36.55	in. 43.41	in. 25.36	in. 23.29
1918 ..	(b)22.24	34.98	21.13	37.87	46.64	26.39	25.82
1928 ..	(c)23.57	38.43	22.34	41.22	43.49	24.75	24.69

(a) Not available.

(b) Seven years ended 1918. (c) Years 1919, 1920, and 1924 to 1931.

9. **Remarkable Falls of Rain.**—The following are the most 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 20 inches in the twenty-four hours have not been included. For other very heavy falls at various localities reference may be made to Official Year Book No. 14, pp. 60 to 63 and No. 22, pp. 46 to 48 :—

**HEAVY RAINFALLS—NEW SOUTH WALES, UP TO 1931, INCLUSIVE.**

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
Broger's Creek ..	14 Feb., 1898	ins. 20.05	Towamba ..	5 Mar., 1893	ins. 20.00
" " ..	13 Jan., 1911	20.83	South Head (near		
Cordeaux River ..	14 Feb., 1898	22.58	Sydney) ..	29 Apr., 1841	20.12
Morpeth ..	9 Mar., 1893	21.52	" " ..	16 Oct., 1844	20.41

**HEAVY RAINFALLS—QUEENSLAND, UP TO 1931, INCLUSIVE.**

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
Babinda (Cairns) ..	1 Feb., 1913	ins. 20.51	Mackay ..	21 Jan., 1918a	ins. 24.70
" " ..	24 Jan., 1916	22.30	Macnade Mill ..	6 " 1901	23.33
Buderim Mountain	11 " 1898	26.20	" " ..	4 Mar., 1915	22.00
Cairns ..	2 Apr., 1911	20.16	Mooloolah ..	13 " 1892	21.53
Carbrook ..	23 Jan., 1918	22.66	Mount Callon West	6 Feb., 1931	20.04
Conway ..	29 Mar., 1930	21.82	Mount Molloy ..	31 Mar., 1911	20.00
" " ..	30 " 1930	21.82	" " ..	1 Apr., "	20.00
Crohamhurst			" " ..	2 " "	20.00
(Blackall Range)	2 Feb., 1893	35.71	Nambour ..	9 Jan., 1898	21.00
Dungeness ..	16 Mar., 1893	22.17	Plane Creek		
Goondi ..	30 Jan., 1913	24.10	(Mackay) ..	26 Feb., 1913	27.73
Harvey Creek ..	3 " 1911	27.75	Port Douglas ..	1 Apr., 1911	31.53
" " ..	31 " 1913	24.72	Sarina ..	23 Jan., 1918	22.60
Innisfail (formerly			Tomewin ..	6 Feb., 1931	20.00
Geraldton) ..	29 Dec., 1903	21.22	Tully ..	12 Feb., 1927	23.86
" " ..	7 Apr., 1912	20.50	Woodlands (Yepp'n)	31 Jan., 1893	23.07
" " ..	31 Jan., 1913	20.91	Yandina ..	1 Feb., 1893	20.08
Kamerunga (Cairns)	2 Apr., 1911	21.00	Yarrabah ..	2 Apr., 1911	30.65
Koumala ..	23 Jan., 1918	22.31	" " ..	24 Jan., 1916	27.20
" " ..	24 " "	20.65	Yeppoon ..	31 " 1893	20.05
Kuranda (Cairns) ..	1 Apr., 1911	24.30	" " ..	8 Oct., 1914	21.70
" " ..	2 Apr., 1911	28.80			

(a) 37½ hours.

## HEAVY RAINFALLS—WESTERN AUSTRALIA, UP TO 1931, INCLUSIVE.

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Balla Balla ..	21 Mar., 1899	14.40	Obagama ..	24 Dec., 1920	13.02
Beagle Bay ..	19 May, 1931	13.00	" ..	15 Feb., 1930	10.66
Boodarie ..	21 Jan., 1896	14.53	Pilbara ..	2 Apr., 1898	14.04
Broome ..	6 ,, 1917	14.00	Point Torment ..	17 Dec., 1906	11.86
Cossack ..	3 Apr., 1898	12.82	Port George IV. ..	17 Jan., 1915	11.24
" ..	16 ,, 1900	13.23	Roebourne ..	3 Apr., 1898	11.44
Croydon ..	3 Mar., 1903	12.00	Roebuck Plains ..	5 Jan., 1917	14.01
Derby ..	29 Dec., 1898	13.09	" ..	6 ,, "	22.36
" ..	7 Jan., 1917	16.47	Springvale ..	14 Mar., 1922	12.25
" ..	23 Jan., 1931	12.25	Tambray ..	6 ,, 1900	11.00
Exmouth Gulf ..	2 Feb., 1918	12.50	Thangoc ..	17-19 Feb., '96	24.18
Fortescue ..	3 May, 1890	23.36	" ..	28 Dec., 1898	11.15
Frazier Downs ..	3 Mar., 1916	11.25	Whim Creek ..	3 Apr., 1898	29.41
" ..	26 Jan., 1931	12.50	" ..	21 Mar., 1899	18.17
Gnaraloo ..	20 Mar., 1923	11.00	Winderrie ..	17 Jan., 1923	14.23
Kerdiadary ..	7 Feb., 1901	12.00	Woodstock ..	3 Apr., 1898	13.00
Minya ..	15 Jan., 1923	11.50	Wyndham ..	27 ,, 1890	11.60
Mundabullangana ..	12 Feb., 1929	12.05	" ..	4 Mar., 1919	12.50
Obagama ..	28 Feb., 1910	12.00	Yeeda ..	7 Jan., 1917	11.75

## HEAVY RAINFALLS—NORTHERN TERRITORY, UP TO 1931, INCLUSIVE.

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Bathurst Island ..			Cosmopolitan Gold Mine ..	24 Dec., 1915	10.60
Mission ..	7 Apr., 1925	11.85	Darwin ..	7 ,, "	11.67
Bonrook ..	24 Dec., 1915	10.60	Groote Eylandt ..	30-31 Mar., '23	12.000
Borroloola ..	14 Mar., 1899	14.00	Koolpinyah ..	6 Mar., 1930	10.35
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 1931, INCLUSIVE.

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

## HEAVY RAINFALLS—VICTORIA, UP TO 1931, INCLUSIVE.

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Balook ..	27 Sept., 1916	7.23	Murrungowar ..	7 Sept., 1908	8.81
Blackwarry ..	12 May, 1925	7.65	Omeo Valley ..	22 Mar., 1926	7.90
Bruthen ..	28 Jan., 1920	7.00	Reedy Flat ..	28 Jan., 1920	7.08
Buchan ..	17 July, 1925	8.45	Sarsfield ..	13 July, 1925	7.05
Cann River ..	27 Feb., 1919	9.56	Tambo Crossing ..	13 July, 1923	8.89
Hotham Heights ..	8 Jan., 1926	8.40	" ..	29 Jan., 1920	7.80
Mallacoota ..	14 Mar., 1911	7.95	Tonghi Creek ..	27 Feb., 1919	9.90
Mt. Buffalo ..	6 June, 1917	8.53	Wroxham ..	27 Aug., 1919	7.65
" ..	5 Apr., 1929	7.47			

## HEAVY RAINFALLS—TASMANIA, UP TO 1931, INCLUSIVE.

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Cullenswood ..	5 June, 1923	10.50	Lottah ..	3 Mar., 1931	9.98
" ..	5 Apr., 1929	11.12	Mathinna ..	8-10 ,, 1911	15.79
" ..	3 Mar., 1931	7.03	" ..	5 Apr., 1929	13.25
Gormanston ..	3 ,, 1931	6.85	Riana ..	5 ,, 1929	11.08
Gould's Country ..	8-10 Mar., '11	15.33	Riversdale ..	27 ,, 1928	5.90
" ..	5 Apr., 1929	12.13	The Springs ..	30-31 Jan., '16	10.75
Lottah ..	8-10 Mar., '11	18.10	Triabunna ..	5 June, 1923	10.20

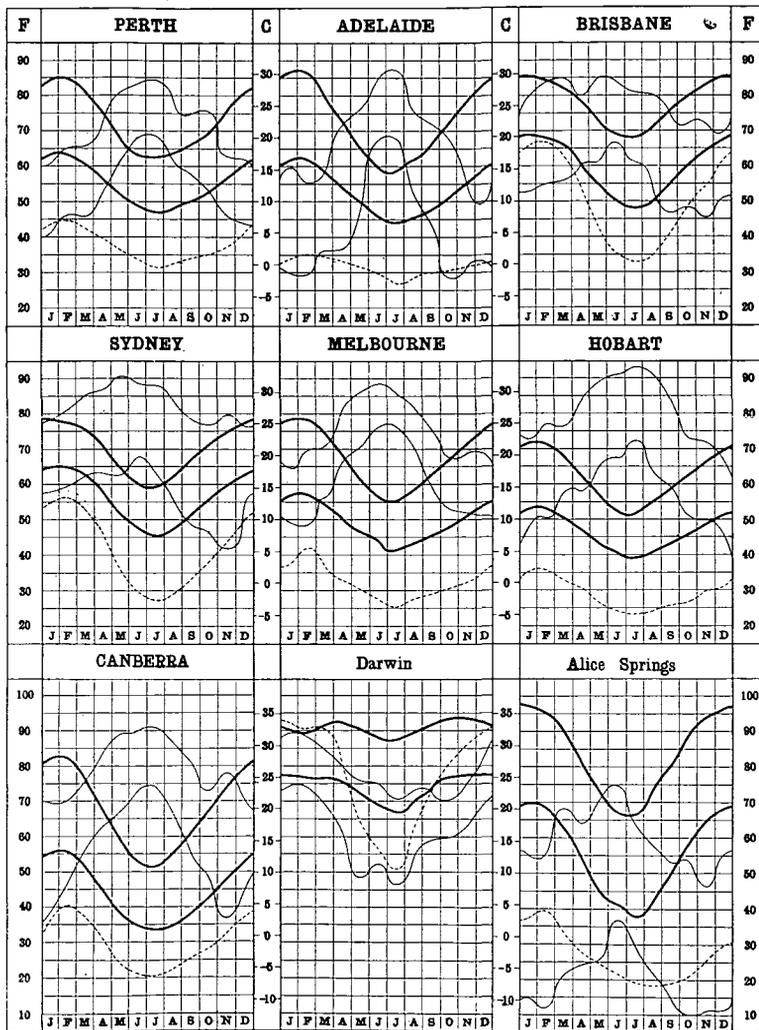
## HEAVY RAINFALLS—FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, UP TO 1931, INCLUSIVE.

Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.	Name of Town or Locality.	Date.	Amnt.
		ins.			ins.
Canberra ..	27 May, 1925	6.84	Land's End ..	27 May, 1925	6.35
Cotter Junction ..	" ..	7.13	Uriarra ..	16 Jan., 1891	5.35
Duntroon ..	" ..	5.87	" ..	27 May, 1925	6.57
Fairlight ..	" ..	6.25			

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.

## 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.

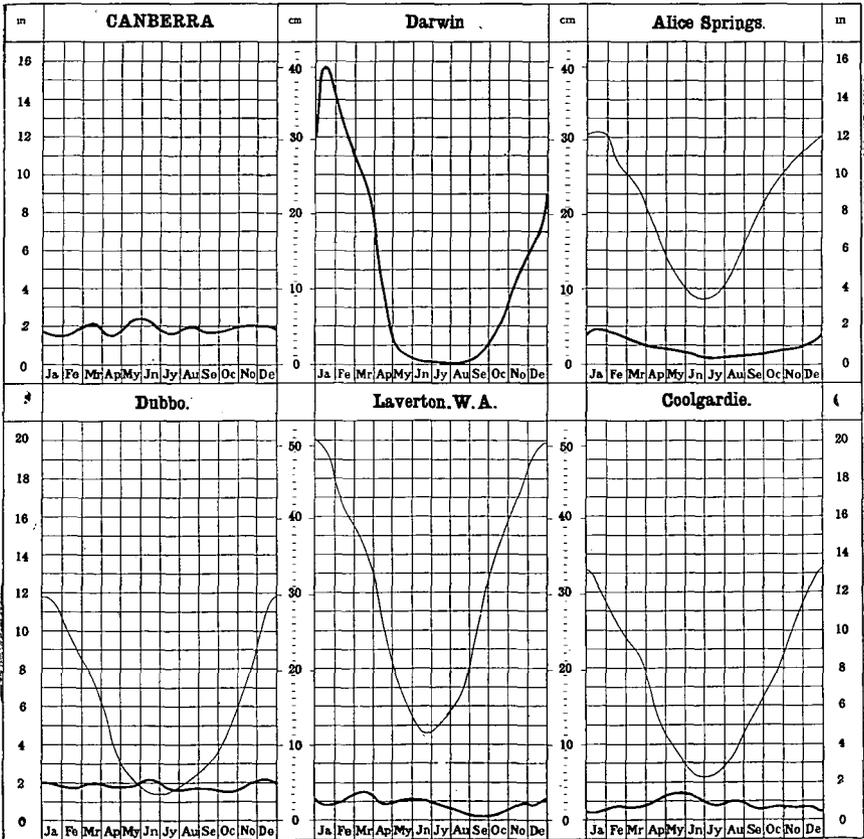
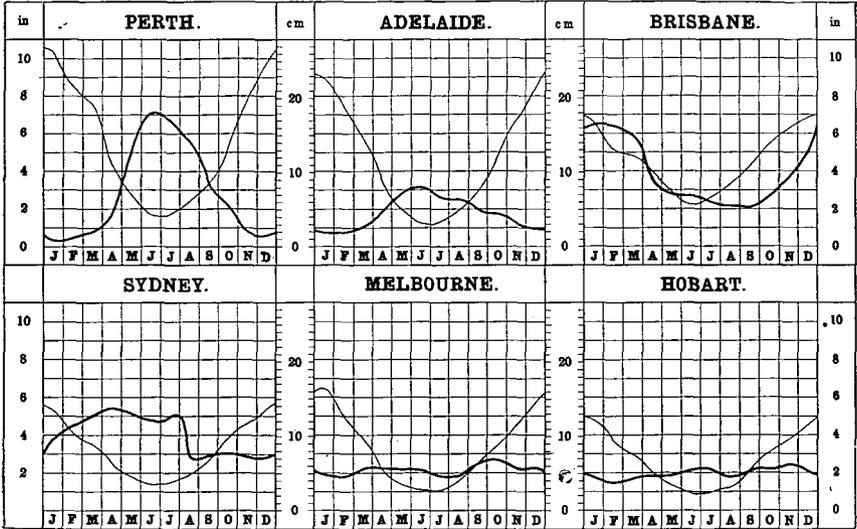
The upper and lower fine lines join the greatest and the least monthly means of relative humidity respectively, the figures under the outer columns "F" indicating percentage values.

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.

At Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Hobart, Canberra, 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 jacket evaporation dish of 8 inches in diameter.

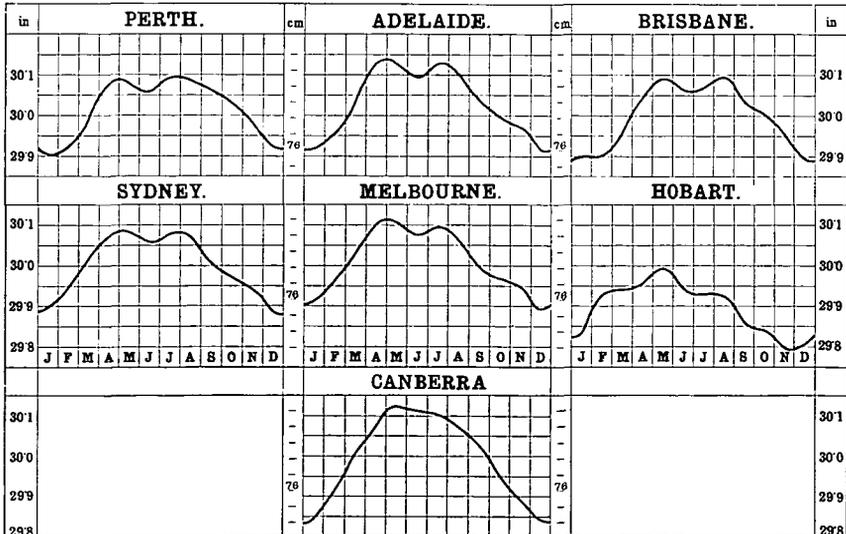
The distance for any date from the zero line to the curve represents the average number of inches, reckoned as per month, of rainfall at that date. Thus, taking the curves for Adelaide in the middle of January, the rain falls on the average at the rate of about three-fourths of an inch per month or, 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 ..	34.78	66.17	Canberra ..	22.58	46.28
Adelaide ..	21.10	55.04	Darwin ..	66.28	—
Brisbane ..	45.36	55.27	Alice Springs ..	10.71	95.64
Sydney ..	47.82	39.12	Dubbo ..	22.10	66.37
Melbourne ..	26.07	39.21	Laverton, W.A.	9.79	145.52
Hobart ..	23.91	31.81	Coolgardie ..	10.17	84.99

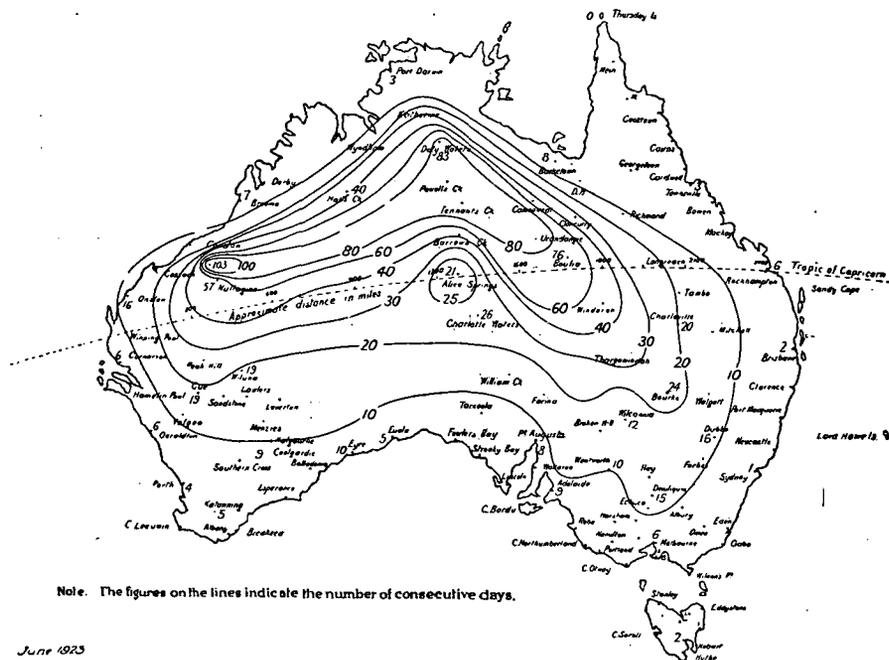
MEAN BAROMETRIC PRESSURE.—CAPITAL CITIES.



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 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.

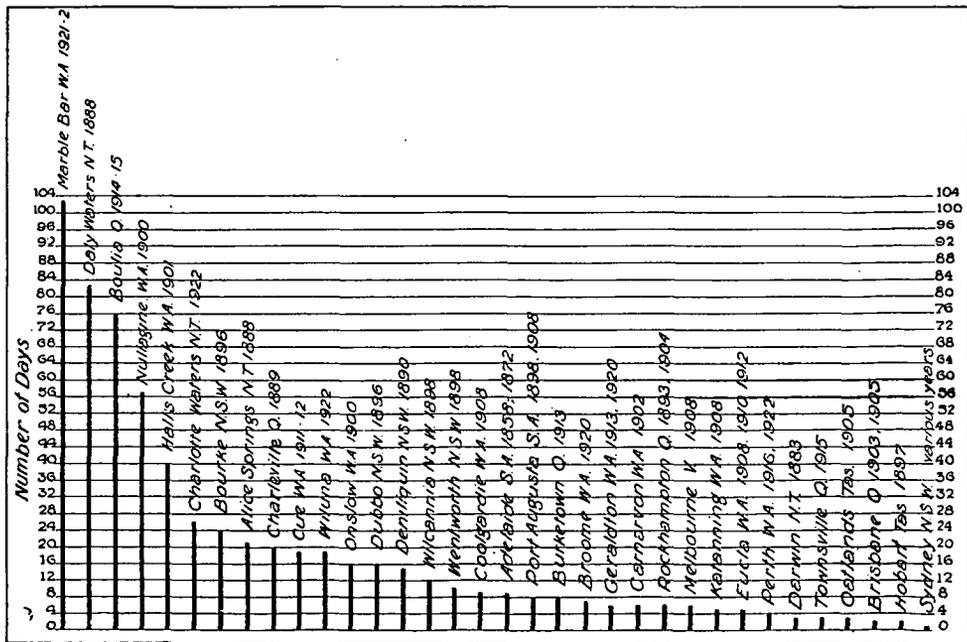
INTERPRETATION.—Taking the Brisbane graph for purposes of illustration, it will be seen that the mean pressure in the middle of January is about 29.87 inches, and there are maxima in the middle of May and August of about 30.99 inches.

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



June 1925

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



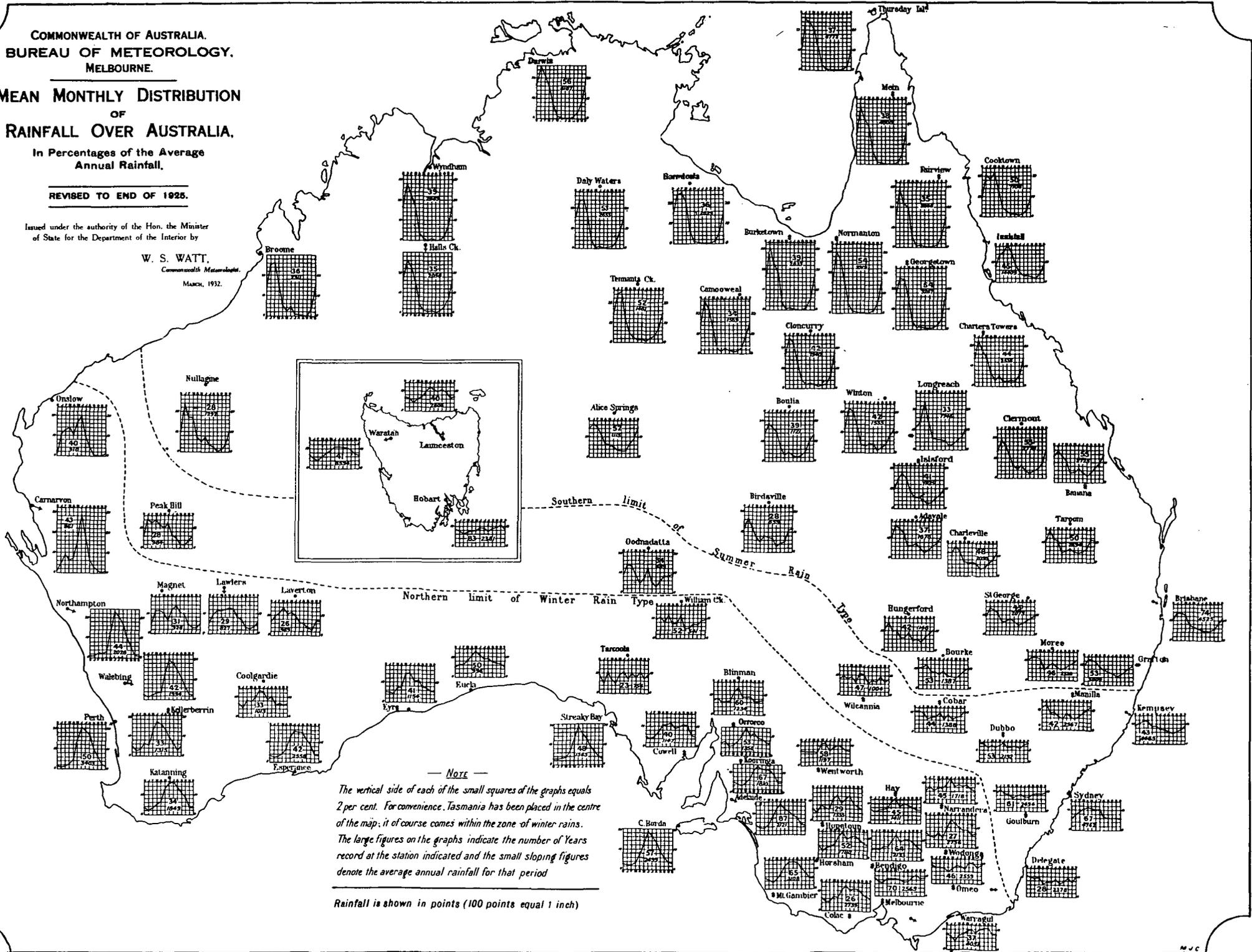
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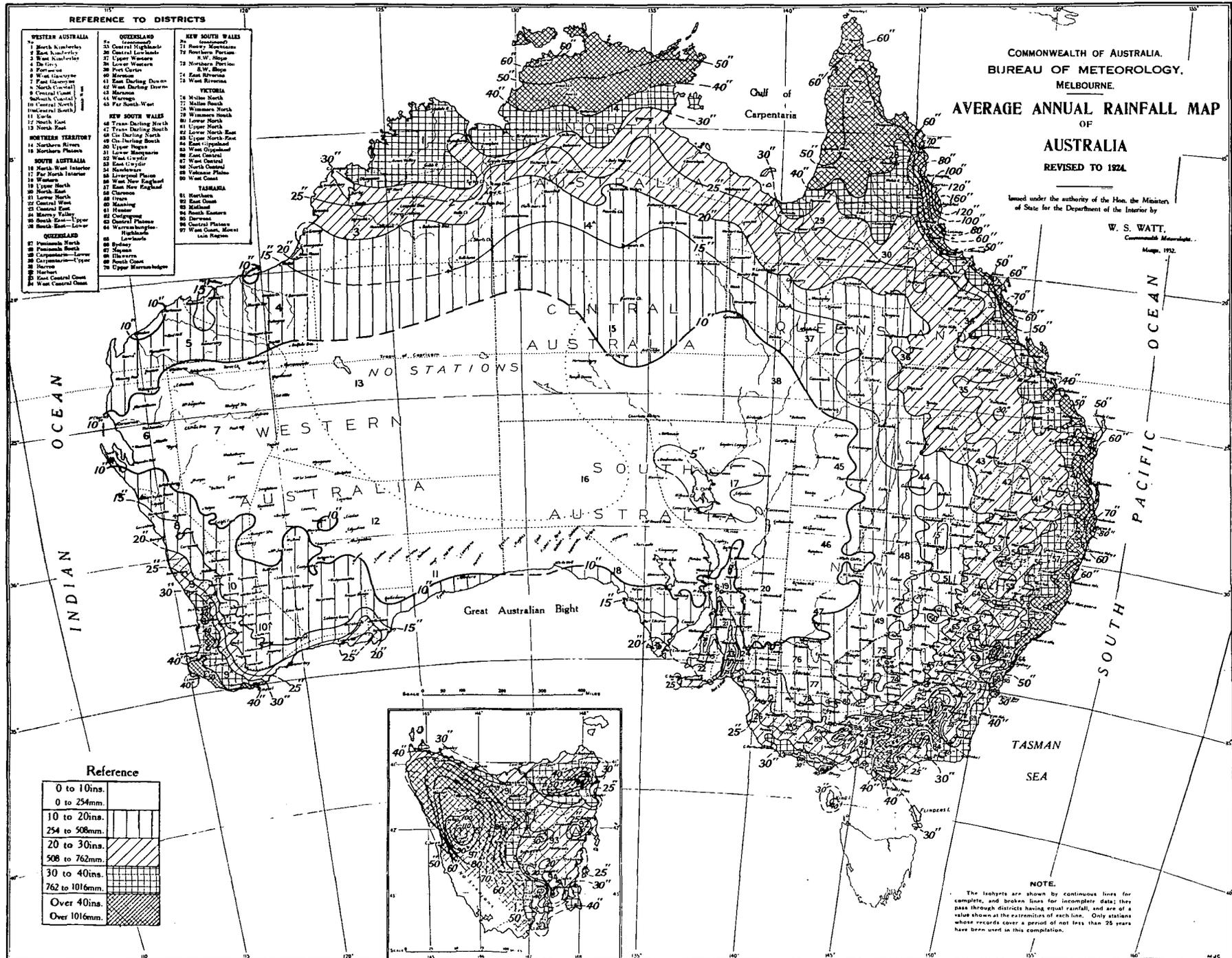
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NOTE —  
The vertical side of each of the small squares of the graphs equals 2 per cent. For convenience, Tasmania has been placed in the centre of the map, it of course comes within the zone of winter rains.  
The large figures on the graphs indicate the number of Years record at the station indicated and the small sloping figures denote the average annual rainfall for that period

Rainfall is shown in points (100 points equal 1 inch)



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 tornado 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 29.91 inches at Darwin to 30.11 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 23th 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 recurring 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 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.	(a) Mean Summer.	(b) Mean Winter.	Highest on Record.	Lowest on Record.	Average Hottest Month.	Average Coldest Month.	
		Ins.	Ins.	Ins.	Fahr.	Fahr.	Fahr.	Fahr.	Fahr.	Fahr.	
Amsterdam	6	27.29	40.59	17.60	63.2	36.8	63.2	90.0	4.1	64.4	35.4
Auckland	125	43.88	74.15	26.32	66.2	52.5	61.0	91.0	31.9	67.1	51.8
Athens	351	15.48	33.33	4.56	79.2	49.1	109.4	19.6	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	31.8
Berlin	161	22.72	30.04	14.25	64.8	33.0	98.6	-13.0	66.0	31.8	31.8
Berne	1,877	36.30	58.23	24.69	62.2	30.1	91.4	-3.6	64.4	28.0	28.0
Bombay	37	71.15	114.89	33.41	83.5	75.1	100.0	55.9	84.8	74.2	74.2
Breslau	482	22.52	32.56	16.50	64.1	33.5	100.0	-23.4	65.5	29.3	29.3
Brussels	328	28.35	41.18	17.73	62.6	36.0	95.5	-4.4	63.7	34.5	34.5
Budapest	500	25.20	35.28	16.79	68.6	30.2	98.6	-5.1	70.4	28.2	28.2
Buenos Ayres	82	38.78	79.72	20.04	72.7	50.9	103.1	22.3	73.8	50.0	50.0
Calcutta	21	61.82	98.48	38.43	85.6	68.0	108.2	44.2	86.0	66.4	66.4
Capetown	40	25.50	36.72	17.71	68.1	54.7	102.0	34.0	68.8	53.9	53.9
Caracas	3,420	30.03	47.36	23.70	68.3	65.3	87.8	48.2	69.2	63.7	63.7
Chicago	823	33.28	45.86	24.52	70.0	60.1	103.0	-23.0	72.4	23.7	23.7
Christchurch	25	25.16	35.30	13.54	61.3	43.3	95.7	21.3	61.6	42.4	42.4
Christiana (Oslo)	75	23.23	32.21	16.26	61.0	24.5	95.0	-21.1	62.6	23.9	23.9
Colombo	40	83.83	139.70	51.60	81.5	79.9	95.8	65.0	82.6	79.1	79.1
Constantinople	245	28.75	42.74	14.78	74.0	43.5	103.6	13.0	75.7	42.0	42.0
Copenhagen	10	20.79	25.83	15.47	60.4	33.3	85.5	-3.3	61.9	32.4	32.4
Dresden	115	26.80	34.49	17.72	62.9	32.4	93.4	-15.3	64.4	31.5	31.5
Dublin	47	27.66	35.56	16.60	59.4	42.0	87.2	13.3	60.5	41.6	41.6
Dunedin	300	36.96	54.51	22.15	56.3	42.6	94.0	23.0	57.0	41.7	41.7
Durban	260	40.79	71.27	27.24	75.0	64.4	110.6	41.1	76.7	63.8	63.8
Edinburgh	441	25.21	32.05	16.44	55.8	38.8	87.7	5.0	57.2	38.3	38.3
Geneva	1,328	33.48	46.89	21.14	64.4	33.7	94.0	16.7	66.2	32.2	32.2
Genoa	157	51.29	108.22	28.21	73.8	46.8	94.5	16.7	75.4	45.5	45.5
Glasgow	184	38.49	56.18	29.05	52.7	41.0	84.9	6.6	58.0	38.4	38.4
Greenwich	149	23.50	35.54	16.38	62.0	39.5	100.0	6.9	63.5	38.5	38.5
Hong Kong	109	84.28	119.72	45.84	86.2	64.8	97.0	32.0	86.7	62.9	62.9
Johannesburg	5,750	31.63	50.00	21.66	65.4	54.4	94.0	-23.3	68.2	48.9	48.9
Lepzig	384	24.09	31.37	17.10	63.1	31.5	97.3	-14.8	64.8	30.6	30.6
Leningrad	16	21.30	29.52	13.75	61.1	17.4	97.0	-38.2	63.7	15.2	15.2
Lisbon	312	29.18	52.79	17.32	69.6	51.3	94.1	32.5	70.2	49.3	49.3
London (Kew)	18	23.80	38.20	16.64	61.2	39.8	94.0	9.4	62.7	38.9	38.9
Madrid	22	49.85	88.41	18.45	89.0	76.8	113.0	57.5	89.9	76.1	76.1
Marseilles	2,149	27.48	27.48	9.13	73.0	41.2	107.1	10.5	75.7	39.7	39.7
Moscow	246	22.24	43.03	12.28	70.5	45.3	100.4	11.7	72.3	44.6	44.6
Naples	526	18.94	29.28	12.07	63.4	14.7	99.5	-44.5	66.1	11.9	11.9
Naples	489	34.00	56.58	21.75	73.6	48.9	99.1	-23.9	75.4	46.8	46.8
New York	314	44.63	58.68	33.17	71.4	31.8	102.0	-13.0	73.5	30.0	30.0
Ottawa	236	33.40	53.79	25.63	67.2	34.1	98.0	-33.0	69.7	12.0	12.0
Paris	144	22.64	29.57	16.46	63.5	37.2	101.1	-14.1	64.9	36.1	36.1
Pekin	143	24.40	36.00	18.09	77.7	25.6	114.0	-5.0	79.2	23.6	23.6
Quebec	166	40.50	53.79	32.12	63.5	12.4	96.0	34.2	66.3	10.1	10.1
Rome	32.37	57.89	12.73	73.5	46.0	104.2	17.2	76.7	44.6	44.6	
San Francisco	155	32.37	38.82	9.00	58.8	50.5	101.0	29.0	59.3	49.5	49.5
Shanghai	21	45.00	62.52	27.92	78.0	41.1	102.9	10.2	80.4	49.8	49.8
Singapore	8	91.09	158.68	32.71	81.2	78.6	94.2	63.4	81.7	78.3	78.3
Stockholm	144	19.09	28.27	11.81	59.5	27.3	96.8	-25.6	61.0	26.4	26.4
Tokio	65	61.45	86.37	45.72	74.8	39.2	97.9	17.0	77.7	37.5	37.5
Trieste	85	42.94	63.14	26.57	73.9	47.3	99.5	14.0	76.3	39.9	39.9
Vienna	663	24.50	33.90	16.50	65.7	30.4	97.7	-8.0	67.1	28.0	28.0
Vladivostok	55	19.54	33.60	9.39	63.9	11.0	95.7	-21.8	60.4	6.1	6.1
Washington	112	43.30	61.33	30.85	74.7	34.5	106.0	-15.0	76.8	32.9	32.9
Wellington (N.Z.)	10	48.65	67.68	27.83	61.8	48.6	88.0	28.6	62.5	47.7	47.7
Zurich	1,542	45.15	78.27	29.02	63.3	31.3	94.1	-0.8	65.1	29.5	29.5

FEDERAL CAPITAL.

Canberra	1,837	22.58	33.71	16.31	(a) 68.0	(b) 44.0	102.6	14.0	69.0	42.7
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STATE CAPITALS.

					(a)	(b)				
Perth	197	34.78	49.22	20.21	73.0	56.0	108.4	34.2	73.9	55.2
Adelaide	140	21.10	30.87	11.39	73.0	53.1	116.3	32.0	74.1	51.8
Brisbane	137	45.54	88.26	16.17	76.6	59.8	108.9	36.1	77.2	58.5
Sydney	138	47.50	82.76	21.49	71.0	54.2	108.5	35.9	71.6	52.8
Melbourne	115	25.53	38.04	15.61	66.6	50.0	111.2	27.0	67.7	48.7
Hobart	177	23.91	43.39	13.43	61.5	46.9	105.2	27.0	62.4	45.8

(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 1931. These are given in the following tables:—

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA—CANBERRA, FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY.

LAT. 35° 20' S., LONG. 149° 15' E. HEIGHT ABOVE M.S.L. 1837 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. and 3 p.m.	No. of Clear Days.
		Greatest Number of Miles in One Day.	Mean Hourly Pressure. (lb.)	Total Miles.	Prevailing Direction. 9 a.m.				
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	14	17	15	15	14	10	(a)	13	(a)
January ..	29.842	306 30/13	0.06	3,233	S E	7.65	—	4.0	—
February ..	29.911	465 20/21	0.04	2,541	E S E	5.92	—	4.4	—
March ..	30.006	434 8/13	0.03	2,437	S E & E S E	4.56	—	4.2	—
April ..	30.074	279 27/13	0.02	2,027	S E	2.73	—	4.2	—
May ..	30.126	263 15/13	0.02	2,051	E	1.75	—	4.5	—
June ..	30.116	360 10/15	0.03	2,138	N	1.02	—	4.8	—
July ..	30.104	282 7/31	0.03	2,206	W	1.18	—	4.6	—
August ..	30.076	276 23/25	0.03	2,300	N	1.65	—	4.5	—
September ..	30.032	374 (b)	0.04	2,692	S E	2.86	—	4.0	—
October ..	29.952	376 10/12	0.04	2,851	W	4.16	—	4.4	—
November ..	29.896	410 18/24	0.05	2,894	W	5.76	—	4.6	—
December ..	29.845	289 7/24	0.05	2,937	W	7.04	—	4.5	—
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	—	46.28	—	—	—
Averages ..	29.998	—	0.04	2,526	S E & W	—	—	4.4	—
Extremes ..	—	465 20/21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(a) Not available (b) 10/1912 and 16/1912.

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	15	15	15	15	15	15	(a)	12	(a)
January ..	81.9	55.1	68.5	102.0 4/29	38.8 25/28	63.2	—	36.0 4/17	—
February ..	82.4	55.6	69.0	102.6 16/19	37.0 26/25	65.6	—	27.0 22/31	—
March ..	75.9	51.0	63.5	97.0 18/27	32.2 22/20	64.8	—	25.5 24/17	—
April ..	67.0	44.0	55.5	83.0 1/25	26.5 29/17	56.5	—	17.5 28/17	—
May ..	58.9	37.8	48.4	74.7 9/19	19.0 30/24	55.7	—	12.5 28/20	—
June ..	53.4	34.9	44.1	66.2 3/17	18.2 (e)	48.0	—	12.1 15/29	—
July ..	51.8	33.9	42.7	65.0 3/19	14.0 19/24	51.0	—	10.0 19/24	—
August ..	55.4	34.8	45.1	83.2 27/19	25.0 5/19	58.2	—	11.8 5/19	—
September ..	61.3	38.2	49.8	83.2 31/19	25.0 2/18	58.2	—	18.5 25/27	—
October ..	67.7	43.0	55.3	93.8 31/19	28.1 24/15	65.8	—	20.0 (f)	—
November ..	74.7	48.1	61.4	96.6 1/19	28.1 24/15	68.5	—	25.8 2/18	—
December ..	78.8	53.3	66.6	98.0 (c)	32.0 3/24	66.0	—	31.0 (d)	—
Year { Averages ..	67.5	44.1	55.8	102.6	14.0	88.6	—	10.0	—
Extremes ..	—	—	—	16/2/19	19/7/24	—	—	19/7/24	—

(a) Not available. (b) 28/1923 and 23/1924. (c) 12/1914 and 31/1931. (d) 1/1923, 3/1924 and 15 and 16/1931. (e) 15 and 16/1929. (f) 1 and 3/1923.

HUMIDITY, RAINFALL, AND DEW.

Month.	Vapour Pressure (inches).	Rel. Hum. (%).				Rainfall (inches).				Dew. Mean No. Days Dew.
		Mean 9 a.m.	Mean 9 p.m.	Highest Mean.	Lowest Mean.	Mean Monthly.	Mean No. of Days of Rain.	Greatest Monthly.	Least Monthly.	
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	13	13	13	13	17	17	17	17	17	(a)
January ..	0.366	53	69	39	1.49	5	4.30 1927	0.07 1919	2.92 6/27	—
February ..	0.403	59	70	47	1.61	6	3.73 1924	0.13 1926	2.75 23/16	—
March ..	0.374	67	76	56	2.17	6	5.81 1914	0.21 1924	1.86 7/20	—
April ..	0.311	74	84	63	1.48	8	2.87 1916	0.20 1925	1.94 8/21	—
May ..	0.243	80	89	67	2.31	8	13.37 1925	0.20 1925	6.84 27/25	—
June ..	0.218	84	90	73	2.22	9	5.86 1931	0.45 1927	3.95 22/25	—
July ..	0.205	83	91	74	1.70	9	3.77 1912	0.25 1913	1.78 1/20	—
August ..	0.222	80	87	67	1.99	10	3.23 1929	0.01 1914	1.96 18/25	—
September ..	0.233	72	81	55	1.69	8	5.26 1915	0.36 1928	2.18 20/15	—
October ..	0.218	67	76	48	1.92	9	4.59 1917	0.64 1914	1.50 7/30	—
November ..	0.326	57	78	37	1.99	7	6.95 1924	0.09 1918	2.38 5/23	—
December ..	0.373	56	70	45	2.01	7	4.49 1919	0.11 1925	2.10 28/29	—
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	22.58	91	—	—	—	—
Averages ..	0.286	69	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Extremes ..	—	—	91	37	—	—	13.37 5/1925	0.01 8/1914	6.84 27/25	—

(a) Not available.

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. and 3 p.m.	No. of Clear Days.
		Greatest Number of Miles in One Day.	Mean Hourly Pressure. (lb.)	Total Miles.	Resultant Direction. 9 a.m. 3 p.m.				
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	47	34	34	34	34	33	34	24	35
January ..	29.909	797 27/98	0.67	11,131	ESE SSW	10.46	1.5	2.8	14.7
February ..	29.925	650 16/08	0.61	9,674	ESE SSW	8.57	1.4	3.1	12.0
March ..	29.986	651 6/13	0.53	9,847	E SSW	7.64	1.4	3.6	12.1
April ..	30.070	955 25/00	0.39	3,186	ENE SSW	4.74	1.3	4.3	8.1
May ..	30.069	815 9/31	0.36	8,119	NE SSW	2.71	2.1	5.5	5.4
June ..	30.057	914 19/27	0.36	7,929	NNE WNW	1.77	2.3	6.0	3.7
July ..	30.088	1,015 20/26	0.40	8,588	NNE W	1.75	2.1	5.7	5.0
August ..	30.085	966 15/03	0.41	8,743	NNE WSW	2.35	1.6	5.6	5.3
September ..	30.061	864 11/05	0.46	8,917	NE WSW	3.36	1.3	5.0	5.9
October ..	30.030	809 6/16	0.52	9,819	SSE SW	5.29	0.9	4.8	6.1
November ..	29.992	777 18/97	0.58	10,008	SE SW	7.66	1.3	3.9	8.5
December ..	29.925	776 6/22	0.64	10,827	SE SSW	9.85	1.8	3.1	12.3
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	—	66.18	19.0	—	99.1
Year { Averages ..	30.016	—	0.49	9,316	E SW	—	—	4.4	—
Year { Extremes ..	—	1,015 20/7/26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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	35	35	35	35	35	35	33	33	34
January ..	84.5	63.1	73.8	108.4 28/21	48.6 20/25	59.8	177.3 22/14	40.4 1/21	323.5
February ..	84.6	63.2	73.9	107.4 4/23	47.7 1/02	59.7	169.0 4/99	39.8 1/21	271.2
March ..	81.4	61.4	71.4	106.4 14/22	45.8 8/03	60.6	167.0 19/18	36.7 8/03	269.0
April ..	76.2	57.3	66.8	99.7 9/10	39.3 20/14	60.4	157.0 8/16	31.0 20/14	217.2
May ..	68.7	52.6	60.6	90.4 2/07	34.3 11/14	56.1	142.2 8/24	25.3 11/14	175.9
June ..	64.0	49.6	56.8	81.7 2/14	35.0 30/20	46.7	135.5 9/14	26.5 30/20	142.5
July ..	62.7	47.8	55.2	76.4 21/21	34.2 7/16	42.2	132.2 13/15	25.1 30/20	163.4
August ..	63.8	48.3	56.0	81.0 12/14	35.3 31/08	45.6	145.1 29/21	27.9 10/11	184.6
September ..	66.2	50.2	58.2	90.9 30/18	38.8 18/00	52.1	153.6 29/16	29.2 21/16	205.2
October ..	69.0	52.6	60.8	95.3 30/22	40.0 16/31	55.3	154.0 29/14	29.8 16/31	239.2
November ..	75.6	56.8	66.2	104.6 24/13	42.0 1/04	62.6	167.0 30/25	35.5 (a)	287.8
December ..	81.2	60.9	71.0	107.9 20/04	48.0 2/10	59.9	168.7 25/15	39.0 12/20	324.9
Year { Averages ..	73.2	55.3	64.2	—	—	—	—	—	2804.4
Year { Extremes ..	—	—	—	108.4 28/1/21	34.2 7/7/16	74.2	177.3 22/1/14	25.1 30/7/20	(b)

(a) 6/1910 and 14/1912.

(b) Total for year.

HUMIDITY, RAINFALL, AND DEW.

Month.	Vapour Pressure (inches).	Rel. Hum. (%).				Rainfall (inches).				Dew. Mean No. Days Dew.
		Mean 9 a.m.	Mean 9 a.m.	Highest.	Lowest.	Mean Monthly.	Mean No. of Days Rain.	Greatest Monthly.	Least Monthly.	
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	35	35	35	35	56	56	56	56	56	35
January ..	0.453	51	61	41	0.34	3	2.17 1879	0.00 (a)	1.74 27/79	2.6
February ..	0.446	54	65	46	0.42	3	2.98 1915	0.00 (a)	1.63 26/15	3.6
March ..	0.430	57	66	46	0.78	5	4.50 1896	0.00 (a)	2.06 26/23	5.9
April ..	0.399	62	73	51	1.68	7	5.85 1926	0.00 1920	2.62 30/04	9.4
May ..	0.372	74	81	61	5.07	14	12.13 1879	0.98 1903	2.80 20/79	12.5
June ..	0.340	78	83	68	7.03	17	12.80 1923	2.16 1877	3.90 10/20	12.6
July ..	0.327	79	84	69	6.72	17	12.28 1926	2.42 1876	3.00 4/91	13.0
August ..	0.325	74	79	62	5.73	18	12.21 1928	0.46 1902	2.79 7/03	11.5
September ..	0.341	68	75	58	3.49	15	7.84 1923	0.34 1916	1.82 4/31	10.0
October ..	0.350	61	75	54	2.17	12	7.87 1890	0.49 1892	1.38 15/10	5.9
November ..	0.382	54	63	46	0.79	6	2.78 1916	0.00 1891	1.11 30/03	3.8
December ..	0.413	51	63	44	0.57	4	3.05 1888	0.00 1886	1.72 1/88	2.7
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	34.79	121	—	—	—	93.5
Year { Averages ..	0.374	62	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Year { Extremes ..	—	—	84	41	—	—	12.80 6/1923	Nil (b)	3.90 10/6/20	—

(a) Various years.

(b) Jan., Feb., March, April, Nov. and 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. Min. 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. (lb.)	Total Miles.	Prevailing Direction. 9 a.m. 3 p.m.				
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	75	54	54	54	54	62	60	64	50
January ..	29.918	758 19/99	0.34	7,893	S W S W	9.03	2.3	3.5	8.6
February ..	29.952	691 22/95	0.29	6,659	N E S W	7.39	2.1	3.5	7.6
March ..	30.039	628 9/12	0.24	6,594	S S W	5.88	2.2	3.5	7.3
April ..	30.120	773 10/96	0.21	6,087	N E S W	5.52	1.6	4.5	4.5
May ..	30.122	760 9/80	0.21	6,275	N E N W	5.05	1.6	5.5	2.5
June ..	30.100	750 12/78	0.24	6,500	N E N	1.23	2.0	6.2	1.7
July ..	30.124	674 25/82	0.24	6,705	N E N W	1.20	1.6	5.8	1.8
August ..	30.097	773 31/97	0.28	7,137	N E S W	1.88	2.2	5.6	2.6
September ..	30.040	720 2/87	0.30	7,259	N N E S W	2.87	2.3	5.2	3.4
October ..	29.996	768 28/98	0.33	7,844	N N E S W	4.79	3.3	5.0	4.0
November ..	29.978	677 2/04	0.33	7,498	S W S W	6.61	3.3	4.6	3.4
December ..	29.919	675 12/91	0.34	7,865	S W S W	8.48	2.7	3.9	7.4
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	—	55.04	27.2	—	56.4
Year { Averages ..	30.034	—	0.28	7,026	N E S W	—	—	4.8	—
Year { Extremes ..	—	773 (a)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(a) 10/4/96 and 31/8/97.

TEMPERATURE AND SUNSHINE.

Month.	Mean Temperature (Fahr.).			Extreme Shade Temperature (Fahr.).		Extreme Range.	Extreme Temperature (Fahr.).		Mean Hour of Sunshine.
	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Mean.	Highest.	Lowest.		Highest in Sun.	Lowest on Grass.	
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	75	75	75	75	75	75	54	71	50
January ..	86.0	61.5	73.7	116.3 26/58	45.1 21/84	71.2	180.0 18/82	36.5 14/79	311.1
February ..	86.2	62.0	74.1	113.6 12/99	45.5 23/18	68.1	170.5 10/00	35.8 23/26	264.1
March ..	80.8	58.8	69.8	108.0 12/61	44.8 —/57	63.2	174.0 17/83	33.8 27/80	240.0
April ..	73.4	54.6	64.0	98.0 10/66	39.6 15/59	58.4	155.0 1/83	30.2 16/17	182.3
May ..	65.0	50.2	57.9	89.5 4/21	36.9 (a)	52.6	148.2 12/79	25.6 19/28	148.8
June ..	60.4	46.7	53.5	76.0 23/65	32.5 27/76	43.5	138.8 18/79	22.9 12/13	122.7
July ..	58.9	44.7	51.8	74.0 11/06	32.0 24/08	42.0	134.5 26/90	22.1 30/29	136.9
August ..	62.0	45.9	53.9	85.0 31/11	32.3 17/59	52.7	140.0 31/92	22.8 11/29	164.9
September ..	66.3	47.9	57.1	90.7 23/82	32.7 4/58	58.0	160.5 23/82	25.0 25/27	184.8
October ..	72.4	51.4	61.9	102.9 21/22	36.0 —/57	66.9	162.0 30/21	27.8 (c)	228.8
November ..	78.6	55.4	67.0	113.5 21/65	40.8 2/09	72.7	166.9 20/78	31.5 2/09	264.1
December ..	83.3	59.0	71.2	114.6 29/31	43.0 (b)	71.6	175.7 7/99	32.5 4/84	302.8
Year { Averages ..	72.8	53.2	63.0	—	—	—	—	—	2551.3
Year { Extremes ..	—	—	—	116.3 26/1/58	32.0 24/7/08	84.3	180.0 18/1/82	22.1 30/7/29	(d)

(a) 26/1895 and 24/1904.

(b) 16/1861 and 4/1906.

(c) 2/1918 and 4/1931.

(d) Total for year.

HUMIDITY, RAINFALL, AND DEW.

Month.	Vapour Pressure (inches).	Rel. Hum. (%)				Rainfall (inches).					Dew. Mean No. Days Dew.
		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	64	64	64	64	93	93	93	93	93	60	
January ..	0.339	38	59	30	0.71	4	4.00 1850	Nil (a)	2.30 2/80	3.8	
February ..	0.357	41	56	30	0.73	4	5.09 1928	Nil (a)	5.57 7/25	5.4	
March ..	0.345	46	58	36	1.01	4	4.66 1878	Nil (a)	3.50 5/78	10.5	
April ..	0.335	55	72	37	1.70	6	6.78 1853	0.03 1923	3.45 5/60	13.6	
May ..	0.316	67	76	49	2.73	16	7.75 1875	0.20 1891	2.75 1/53	15.7	
June ..	0.298	76	84	67	3.12	16	8.58 1916	0.42 1886	2.11 1/20	17.1	
July ..	0.276	76	87	68	2.66	16	5.28 1865	0.37 1890	1.75 10/65	15.9	
August ..	0.285	69	77	54	2.51	16	6.24 1852	0.35 1914	1.23 19/51	16.6	
September ..	0.297	61	72	44	2.06	14	5.83 1923	0.45 1896	1.59 20/23	15.5	
October ..	0.298	51	67	29	1.72	11	3.82 1870	0.17 1914	2.24 16/08	12.8	
November ..	0.307	42	57	31	1.14	7	3.55 1851	0.04 1885	1.88 28/58	6.7	
December ..	0.323	39	50	31	1.01	6	3.98 1861	Nil 1904	2.42 23/13	4.4	
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	21.10	123	—	—	—	138.0	
Year { Averages ..	0.309	53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Year { Extremes ..	—	—	87	29	—	—	8.58 6/16	Nil (b)	5.57 7/2/25	—	

(a) Various years.

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

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA—BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND.

LAT. 27° 28' S., LONG. 153° 2' E. HEIGHT ABOVE M.S.L. 137 Ft.

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

Month.	Bar. corrected to 32° F. M. 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. (lb.)	Total Miles.	Prevailing Direction. 9 a.m. 3 p.m.				
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	45	21	21	21	45	23	45	40	23
January ..	29.868	361 1/22	0.12	4,678	E	6.555	6.0	5.8	3.1
February ..	29.905	503 5/31	0.12	4,353	S E	5.300	5.6	5.8	2.1
March ..	29.964	488 1/20	0.09	4,181	S E	4.888	4.7	5.3	4.8
April ..	30.045	400 1/25	0.09	3,905	S & S E	4.020	3.6	4.5	7.8
May ..	30.084	363 7/16	0.07	3,579	S	3.020	3.3	3.5	8.7
June ..	30.071	455 14/28	0.08	3,479	S W	2.420	3.3	3.5	12.9
July ..	30.072	359 6/23	0.07	3,046	S W	2.631	2.4	3.2	12.9
August ..	30.096	331 6/23	0.08	3,344	S W	3.344	2.7	3.4	12.9
September ..	30.042	329 4/31	0.08	3,713	N E & S	4.621	3.9	4.1	12.9
October ..	30.004	325 25/18	0.10	4,283	N E	5.224	6.0	4.1	9.0
November ..	29.959	371 10/28	0.11	4,502	N E	6.237	8.7	4.7	6.3
December ..	29.889	467 15/26	0.12	4,688	N E	6.940	9.2	5.3	3.9
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Year { Averages ..	30.000	—	0.09	4,068	S & E	55.269	63.6	—	93.3
Year { Extremes ..	—	503 5/2/31	—	—	—	—	—	4.6	—

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	45	45	45	45	45	45	41	45	23
January ..	85.4	68.9	77.2	108.9 14/02	58.8 4/93	50.1	166.4 10/17	49.9 4/93	223.5
February ..	84.4	68.6	76.5	105.7 21/25	58.5 23/31	47.2	165.2 6/10	49.1 22/31	203.4
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	210.1
April ..	79.0	61.5	70.3	95.2 (a)	44.4 25/25	50.8	153.8 11/16	36.7 24/25	210.7
May ..	73.6	55.4	64.5	90.3 21/23	41.3 24/99	49.0	147.0 0 1/10	29.8 8/97	203.1
June ..	69.3	51.1	60.2	88.9 19/18	36.3 29/08	52.6	136.0 3/18	25.4 23/88	177.3
July ..	68.5	48.5	58.5	83.4 28/98	36.1 (b)	47.3	146.1 20/15	23.9 11/90	211.4
August ..	71.3	49.9	60.6	88.5 25/28	37.4 6/87	51.1	141.9 20/17	27.1 9/99	235.6
September ..	75.7	54.8	65.3	95.2 16/12	40.7 1/96	54.5	155.5 26/03	30.4 1/89	240.0
October ..	79.7	59.9	69.8	101.4 18/93	43.3 3/99	58.1	157.4 31/28	34.9 8/89	256.4
November ..	82.8	64.2	73.5	106.1 18/13	48.5 2/05	57.6	162.3 7/89	38.8 1/89	247.6
December ..	85.0	67.4	76.2	105.9 26/93	56.4 13/12	49.5	161.7 27/26	49.1 3/94	246.0
Year { Averages ..	78.1	59.7	68.9	—	—	—	—	—	2665.1
Year { Extremes ..	—	—	—	108.9 14/1/02	36.1 (c)	72.8	166.4 10/1/17	23.9 11/7/90	(d)

(a) 9/96 and 5/03. (b) 12/94 and 2/96. (c) 12/7/94 and 2/7/96. (d) Total for year.

HUMIDITY, RAINFALL, AND DEW.

Month.	Vapour Pressure (inches).	Rel. Hum. (%)				Rainfall (inches).				Dew. Mean No. Days Dew.
		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	45	45	45	45	80	72	80	80	62	45
January ..	0.640	66	79	53	6.49	14	27.72 1895	0.32 1919	18.31 21/87	7.9
February ..	0.648	69	82	55	6.41	14	40.39 1893	0.58 1849	10.61 6/31	8.2
March ..	0.616	72	85	56	5.82	15	34.04 1870	Nil 1849	11.18 14/08	11.6
April ..	0.523	72	80	60	3.75	12	15.28 1867	0.05 1897	4.97 19/28	14.2
May ..	0.425	73	85	61	2.82	10	13.85 1876	Nil 1846	5.62 9/79	15.2
June ..	0.360	74	84	67	2.82	9	14.03 1873	Nil 1847	6.01 9/93	13.3
July ..	0.328	72	81	61	2.22	8	8.46 1889	Nil 1841	3.54 (e)	14.9
August ..	0.350	69	80	56	2.03	7	14.67 1879	Nil (a)	4.89 12/87	13.4
September ..	0.411	64	76	47	1.99	8	5.43 1886	0.10 1907	2.46 2/94	12.9
October ..	0.473	60	72	48	2.53	9	9.99 1882	0.14 1900	3.75 3/27	11.7
November ..	0.537	59	72	45	3.74	10	12.41 1917	Nil 1842	4.46 16/86	7.9
December ..	0.597	61	69	51	4.92	12	13.99 1910	0.35 1865	6.60 28/71	7.4
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	45.54	128	—	—	—	138.6
Year { Averages ..	0.493	68	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Year { 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. (c) 15/76 and 16/89.

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. M. Sea Level and Standard Gravity from hourly reading $t$ .	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. (lb.)	Total Miles.	Prevailing Direction.				
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	73	65	65	65	65	52	72	70	21
January .. ..	29.897	627 3/93	0.27	7,057	NE	5.368	4.9	5.8	5.3
February .. ..	29.944	607 12/69	0.24	6,060	NE	4.323	4.4	5.9	5.4
March .. ..	30.013	754 20/70	0.19	5,879	ENE	3.616	4.1	5.5	5.8
April .. ..	30.072	642 6/82	0.17	5,348	W	2.594	3.7	5.0	7.4
May .. ..	30.086	682 6/98	0.17	5,527	W	1.823	3.0	4.9	9.0
June .. ..	30.063	642 13/08	0.20	5,935	W	1.427	3.0	4.8	7.5
July .. ..	30.070	744 17/79	0.20	6,131	W	1.532	2.3	4.4	10.5
August .. ..	30.068	649 22/72	0.19	5,926	W	1.927	2.3	4.4	11.4
September .. ..	30.008	771 6/74	0.22	6,179	W	2.714	3.8	4.9	10.1
October .. ..	29.968	741 4/72	0.25	6,736	ENE	3.893	4.8	4.9	7.9
November .. ..	29.939	583 12/87	0.25	6,599	ENE	4.623	5.3	5.5	6.0
December .. ..	29.882	750 3/84	0.26	6,964	ENE	5.384	5.6	5.6	5.4
Year { Totals .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	39.122	47.2	—	92.1
{ Averages .. ..	30.000	—	—	6,195	W	—	—	5.0	—
{ Extremes .. ..	—	771 6/9/74	0.22	—	—	—	—	—	—

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	73	73	73	73	73	73	70	73	11†
January .. ..	78.4	64.9	71.6	108.5 13/96	51.2 14/65	57.3	164.3 26/15	43.7 6/25	234.9
February .. ..	77.7	65.0	71.3	107.8 8/26	49.3 28/63	58.5	161.2 8/26	43.4 25/91	200.7
March .. ..	75.7	62.9	69.3	102.6 3/69	48.8 14/86	53.8	158.3 10/26	39.9 17/13	194.9
April .. ..	71.3	58.1	64.7	91.0 20/22	44.6 27/64	46.4	144.1 10/77	33.3 24/99	178.1
May .. ..	65.5	52.2	58.8	86.0 1/19	40.2 22/59	45.8	129.7 1/96	29.3 25/17	171.6
June .. ..	61.1	48.3	54.7	80.4 11/31	38.0 5/20	42.4	125.5 2/23	28.1 24/11	154.6
July .. ..	59.7	45.9	52.8	78.3 22/26	35.9 12/90	42.4	124.7 19/77	24.0 4/93	191.1
August .. ..	62.8	47.5	55.2	82.0 31/84	36.8 3/72	45.2	149.0 30/78	26.1 4/09	222.0
September .. ..	67.0	51.4	59.2	92.3 27/19	40.8 18/64	51.5	142.2 12/78	30.1 17/05	223.2
October .. ..	71.3	55.8	63.6	98.9 19/98	42.2 6/27	56.7	151.9 (b)	32.7 9/05	239.2
November .. ..	74.4	59.6	67.0	102.7 21/78	45.8 1/05	56.9	158.5 28/99	36.0 6/06	235.9
December .. ..	77.1	62.9	70.0	107.5 31/04	48.4 3/24	59.1	164.5 27/89	41.4 3/24	224.8
Year { Averages .. ..	70.2	56.2	63.2	—	—	—	—	—	247.1
{ Extremes .. ..	—	—	—	108.5 13/1/96	35.9 12/7/90	72.6	164.5 27/12/89	24.0 4/7/93	(a)

(a) Total for year. (b) 30, 31/14.

HUMIDITY, RAINFALL, AND DEW.

Month.	Vapour Pressure (inches).	Rel. Hum. (%)				Rainfall (inches).					Dew. Mean No. 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	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	
January .. ..	0.546	67	78	58	3.60	14	15.26 19/11	0.32 19/29	7.08 13/11	1.3	
February .. ..	0.564	70	81	59	4.24	14	18.56 18/73	0.34 19/02	8.90 25/73	2.3	
March .. ..	0.529	72	85	62	5.00	15	18.70 18/70	0.42 18/76	6.52 9/13	4.3	
April .. ..	0.447	76	87	63	5.53	13	24.49 18/61	0.06 18/68	7.52 29/60	6.7	
May .. ..	0.357	78	90	63	5.19	15	23.03 19/19	0.18 18/60	8.36 28/89	7.5	
June .. ..	0.302	78	80	68	4.81	12	16.33 18/85	0.19 19/01	5.17 16/84	6.4	
July .. ..	0.274	76	88	63	4.90	12	13.21 19/00	0.12 18/52	7.80 17/31	6.9	
August .. ..	0.290	71	84	56	2.90	11	14.89 18/99	0.04 18/85	5.33 2/60	6.4	
September .. ..	0.333	66	79	49	2.79	12	14.05 18/79	0.08 18/82	5.69 10/79	4.5	
October .. ..	0.382	63	77	46	2.88	12	11.14 19/16	0.21 18/67	6.37 13/02	3.1	
November .. ..	0.444	63	79	42	2.80	12	9.88 18/65	0.07 19/15	4.23 19/00	2.2	
December .. ..	0.504	64	77	52	2.86	13	15.82 19/20	0.23 19/13	4.75 13/10	1.6	
Year { Totals .. ..	—	—	—	—	47.50	155	—	—	—	53.2	
{ Averages .. ..	0.403	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
{ Extremes .. ..	—	—	90	42	—	—	24.49 4/1861	0.04 8/1885	8.90 25/2/73	—	

\* Early records revised during 1920. Values for period 1867—September, 1885, reduced to per cent.; for period September, 1885—March, 1913, reduced to per cent.  
 † From 1921 only; previous records discarded owing to faulty exposure of instruments.

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 hourly 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. (lb.)	Total Miles.	Prevailing Direction. 9 a.m. 3 p.m.				
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	74	58	58	58	58	59	24	74	24
January ..	29.911	583 10/97	0.27	7,042	S W S E	6.459	1.9	5.0	7.2
February ..	29.960	566 8/68	0.24	6,088	S W S E	5.082	2.4	4.9	6.9
March ..	30.035	677 9/81	0.20	6,060	S W S E	3.999	1.7	5.5	5.3
April ..	30.103	597 7/68	0.17	5,476	S W N W	2.410	0.9	5.8	4.7
May ..	30.104	693 12/65	0.17	5,659	N W N E	1.489	0.6	6.5	3.1
June ..	30.080	761 13/76	0.21	6,023	N W N E	1.113	0.6	6.6	2.4
July ..	30.087	755 8/74	0.20	6,125	N W N E	1.080	0.4	6.3	2.9
August ..	30.063	637 14/75	0.23	6,547	N W N E	1.490	1.0	6.3	2.9
September ..	29.995	617 11/72	0.26	6,704	N W S W	2.337	1.3	6.1	3.2
October ..	29.965	899 5/66	0.27	6,998	S W N W	3.382	1.9	6.0	3.8
November ..	29.951	734 13/66	0.26	6,746	S W S E	4.565	2.5	5.9	3.7
December ..	29.898	655 1/75	0.28	7,170	S W S E	5.799	2.0	5.5	4.6
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	—	39.205	17.2	—	50.7
{ Averages ..	30.013	—	0.23	6,386	S W N W	—	—	—	—
{ Extremes ..	—	899 5/10/66	—	—	—	—	—	5.9	—

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	76	76	76	76	76	76	71	72	50
January ..	78.0	56.7	67.4	111.2 14/62	42.0 28/85	69.2	178.5 14/62	30.2 28/85	262.1
February ..	78.1	57.2	67.7	109.5 7/01	40.2 24/24	69.3	167.5 15/70	30.9 6/91	240.2
March ..	74.4	54.7	64.5	105.5 2/93	37.1 17/84	68.4	164.5 1/68	28.9 (b)	205.5
April ..	68.2	50.7	59.4	94.0 (a)	34.8 24/88	59.2	152.0 8/61	25.0 23/97	163.6
May ..	61.5	46.8	54.1	83.7 7/05	29.9 29/16	53.8	142.6 2/59	21.1 26/16	138.6
June ..	56.8	44.0	50.4	72.2 1/07	28.0 11/66	44.2	129.0 11/61	19.9 30/29	111.0
July ..	55.6	41.9	48.7	69.3 22/26	27.0 21/69	42.3	125.8 27/30	20.5 12/03	108.4
August ..	58.7	43.4	51.0	77.0 20/85	28.3 11/63	48.7	137.4 29/69	21.3 14/02	154.1
September ..	62.7	45.6	54.2	88.6 28/28	31.1 16/08	57.5	142.1 20/67	22.8 8/18	172.5
October ..	67.1	48.3	57.7	98.4 24/14	32.1 3/71	66.3	154.3 28/68	24.8 22/18	203.5
November ..	71.4	51.3	61.3	105.7 27/94	36.5 2/96	69.2	159.6 29/65	24.6 2/96	236.2
December ..	75.3	54.4	64.8	110.7 15/76	40.0 4/70	70.7	170.3 20/69	33.2 1/04	249.9
Year { Averages ..	67.3	49.6	58.4	—	—	84.2	178.5	19.9	2245.9
{ Extremes ..	—	—	—	111.2 14/1/62	27.0 21/7/69	—	141/1/62	30/6/29	(c)

(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. 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	24	24	24	24	76	76	76	76	73	24	
January ..	0.385	58	65	50	1.88	8	5.68 1904	0.04 1878	2.97 9/97	2.6	
February ..	0.416	62	69	48	1.76	7	6.24 1904	0.03 1870	3.37 18/19	3.6	
March ..	0.379	64	71	57	2.25	10	7.50 1911	0.18 1859	3.55 5/19	7.7	
April ..	0.340	71	82	66	2.18	11	6.71 1901	Nil 1923	2.28 22/01	9.3	
May ..	0.310	79	86	71	2.18	13	4.31 1862	0.45 1901	1.85 7/91	9.4	
June ..	0.280	83	89	76	2.06	14	4.51 1859	0.73 1877	1.74 21/04	9.0	
July ..	0.262	82	86	76	1.84	14	7.02 1891	0.57 1902	2.71 12/91	9.0	
August ..	0.268	76	82	70	1.87	15	4.04 1924	0.48 1903	1.94 26/24	8.2	
September ..	0.289	68	76	60	2.38	14	7.93 1916	0.52 1907	2.62 12/80	6.5	
October ..	0.305	62	67	53	2.60	13	7.61 1869	0.29 1914	3.00 17/69	5.5	
November ..	0.330	60	69	52	2.25	11	6.71 1916	0.25 1895	2.57 16/76	1.9	
December ..	0.366	58	69	51	2.28	9	7.18 1863	0.11 1904	2.62 28/07	1.7	
Year { Totals ..	—	—	—	—	25.53	139	—	—	—	74.4	
{ Averages ..	0.323	69	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
{ Extremes ..	—	—	89	48	—	—	7.93 9/1916	Nil 4/1923	3.55 5/3/19	—	

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'n 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. (lb.)	Total Miles.	Prevailing Direction. 9 a.m. 3 p.m.					
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	47		21	21	25	21	24	69	25	
January	29.827	500	30/16	0.20	6,027	N N W & N S E	4.877	0.9	6.0	2.5
February	29.919	605	4/27	0.15	4,751	N & N N W S E	3.752	1.2	6.0	2.6
March	29.947	443	19/27	0.13	4,902	N & N N W S E	3.019	1.4	6.0	1.6
April	29.969	533	27/26	0.14	4,836	N to N W N W & S E	3.023	0.7	6.1	2.5
May	29.988	423	15/27	0.12	4,784	N W to N N to N W	1.419	0.5	6.1	2.2
June	29.959	569	27/20	0.12	4,586	N W & N N W N & N N W	0.920	0.5	6.1	2.2
July	29.924	489	22/29	0.13	4,916	N N W & N N W to N W	0.961	0.5	5.8	2.1
August	29.920	612	19/26	0.14	5,055	N & N N W N & N W	1.308	0.5	6.0	2.1
September	29.842	516	26/15	0.19	5,723	N N W & N N W & S E	2.015	0.7	6.1	1.4
October	29.827	461	8/12	0.20	6,090	N to N W S E & N W	3.098	0.7	6.3	1.3
November	29.806	508	18/15	0.19	5,796	N & N W S E	3.903	0.8	6.4	1.4
December	29.810	486	30/20	0.18	5,707	N & N N W S E	4.513	0.9	6.3	1.3
Year { Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Year { Averages	29.895	—	—	0.16	5,264	N to N W S E & N W	31.808	9.3	—	23.2
Year { Extremes	—	612	19/8/26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

TEMPERATURE AND SUNSHINE.

Month.	Mean Temperature (Fahr.).			Extremes Shade Temperature (Fahr.).		Extreme Range.	Extreme Temperature (Fahr.).		Mean Hours of Sunshine.
	Mean.	Mean Min.	Mean.	Highest.	Lowest.		Highest in Sun.	Lowest on Grass.	
No. of yrs. over which observation extends	61	61	61	85	85	85	44	64	11*
January	71.1	52.8	62.0	105.0 (a)	40.0 3/72	65.0	160.0 (b)	30.6 19/97	241.4
February	71.3	53.4	62.4	104.4 12/99	39.0 20/87	65.4	165.0 24/98	28.3 —/87	202.0
March	67.9	50.8	59.4	99.0 —/61	35.2 31/26	63.8	150.0 3/05	27.5 30/02	204.4
April	62.7	47.7	55.2	90.0 1/56	30.0 25/56	60.0	142.0 18/93	25.0 —/86	151.4
May	57.4	43.8	50.6	77.8 5/21	29.2 20/02	48.6	128.0 (c)	20.0 19/02	139.3
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	121.4
July	52.0	39.5	45.8	72.0 22/77	27.0 18/66	45.0	121.0 12/93	18.7 16/86	126.9
August	55.0	41.1	48.0	77.0 3/76	30.0 10/73	47.0	129.0 —/87	20.1 7/09	165.1
September	58.7	43.2	51.0	81.7 23/26	32.0 12/41	51.7	138.0 23/93	18.3 16/26	170.2
October	62.6	45.5	54.0	92.0 24/14	32.0 12/89	60.0	156.0 9/93	23.8 (d)	190.9
November	65.9	48.2	57.0	98.0 23/88	35.2 5/13	62.8	154.0 19/92	26.0 1/08	223.4
December	69.2	51.2	60.2	105.2 30/97	38.0 13/06	67.2	157.0 30/18	27.2 —/86	229.1
Year { Averages	62.2	46.5	54.4	—	—	78.2	—	—	2165.5
Year { Extremes	—	—	—	105.2 30/12/97	27.0 18/7/66	—	165.0 24/2/98	18.3 16/9/26	(e)

(a) 27/49 and 1/00. (b) 5/86 and 13/05. (c) —/89 and —/93. (d) 1/86 and —/99. (e) Total for year.

HUMIDITY, RAINFALL, AND DEW.

Month.	Vapour Pressure (Inches)	Rel. Hum. (%)				Rainfall (inches).				Dew. Mean No. Days Dew.
		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	45	45	45	45	89	88	89	89	65	22
January	0.332	58	72	47	1.86	10	5.91 1893	0.03 1841	2.96 30/16	0.6
February	0.356	63	77	52	1.48	9	9.15 1854	0.07 1847	4.50 27/54a	1.5
March	0.332	67	77	58	1.70	10	7.60 1854	0.02 1843	2.79 5/19	5.1
April	0.299	72	84	58	1.91	11	6.50 1909	0.07 1904	5.02 20/09	9.8
May	0.269	78	89	65	1.89	13	6.37 1905	0.10 1843	3.22 14/58	12.6
June	0.241	80	91	68	2.23	14	8.15 1889	0.22 1852	4.11 13/89	8.6
July	0.230	80	94	72	2.17	15	6.02 1922	0.30 1850	2.51 18/22	8.6
August	0.238	75	92	64	1.81	14	10.16 1858	0.23 1854	4.35 12/58	8.8
September	0.254	67	85	59	2.09	15	7.14 1844	0.39 1847	2.75 18/44	4.8
October	0.273	64	73	51	2.29	15	6.67 1906	0.26 1850	2.58 4/06	2.8
November	0.293	66	72	50	2.47	14	8.94 1849	0.16 1868	3.97 7/49	1.2
December	0.317	57	67	45	2.01	11	9.00 1875	0.11 1842	2.82 21/29	0.8
Year { Totals	—	—	—	—	23.91	151	—	—	—	65.2
Year { Averages	0.281	67	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Year { Extremes	—	—	94	45	—	—	10.16 8/1858	0.02 3/1843	5.02 20/4/09	—

\* Early records discarded owing to faulty instrument.

(a) 4.18 on 28/54 also.