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CLIMATE.

There is nothing of interest to record under this head.

RAINFALL.

The records kept at the Botanic Gardens show the rainfall in each of the last five years to have been:—

Year.	Inches.
1896-97 ... ..	78.53
1897-98 ... ..	123.61
1898-99 ... ..	105.94
1899-1900 ... ..	63.97
1900-1901 ... ..	64.54

TEMPERATURE.

The mean temperature for the year was 81° Fahr., the mean maximum being 88° in the month of September, and the mean minimum 86° in December and January.

*Direction of Wind.*

Out of 720 records taken, 413 were N.E.—170 E.—31 N.E. by E.—25 S.E.—71 calm.—14 S.—3 S.E. by E.—2 W.—1 N.

*Force of Wind.*

The year mean average taken at 9 a.m. was .8.

The year mean average taken at 5 p.m. was .6.

The method employed to obtain the force of the wind is by sensation or by estimation.

POSTAL, TELEGRAPH, AND TELEPHONE SERVICES.

The statistics under this head are of a normal nature, showing, generally speaking, an upward tendency. There is an estimated increase of 41,000 in the number of articles posted. The export of raw gold through the medium of the Parcel Post continued in increased volume, Bullion to the value of £211,377 having been so shipped, as against £166,226 the previous year.