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STATISTICS OF RUSSIAN CLIMATE

The famous institution in Leningrad formerly known as the Nicholas Central Physical Observatory, and now called the Central Geophysical Observatory, published during the last quarter of the nineteenth century several large volumes of climatic statistics, descriptions and charts for all parts of the then Russian Empire. This series of works culminated in 1900 in the publication of a splendid atlas of Russian climate.

By the time the world war broke out all of these works had fallen more or less conspicuously behind the times. There had been, since their publication, a great increase in the number of meteorological stations in Russia, and there was, of course, a vast accumulation of additional meteorological data for the older stations, so that plans were already on foot to compile a new series of climatological memoirs. After the delays imposed by the war and the subsequent political upheaval, this plan is now coming to fruition. The Central Observatory has recently issued the first of the contemplated series of volumes, which will present, in text, tables and charts, a great wealth of information concerning climatic conditions in all parts of the Soviet Union. The initial section, which is in Russian and German, deals with temperature statistics from the European half of the Union.

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