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Finland's climate! It takes a vigorous race to wrest a living from a climate like Finland's where the summers are only eight or ten weeks long and frosts may occur as late as June 14. This country is about 700 miles long, north and south, and more than a third of the length lies within the Arctic Circle. Its climate is, however, milder than that of other lands in the same latitudes, except Norway and Sweden. January averages from 8 degrees in the north to 20 degrees in the south, and July from 62 to 64 degrees. The Baltic Sea mitigates the climate along its coast. Rainfall is light, 10 to 25 inches. The percentage of cloudiness is high.

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