

so-called winter months, does the mercury drop to 32 degrees F. It is due to this ideal working climate that Oakland shipyards—and incidentally Oakland is one of the largest shipbuilding centers in the world—were the ones to set one building record after another during the World War.

HEALTH CONDITIONS

In point of health, Oakland has consistently ranked among the first cities of the nation for a long period of years, and statistics show that it has become an increasingly more healthful place for residents during the last fifteen years.

The death rate in Oakland in 1935 was 11.5 per thousand residents. During the past thirteen years Oakland has made a phenomenal improvement in its infant mortality rate. In 1920, seventy-one babies died out of every 1,000 born, while in 1935, the rate of infant mortality was reduced to only 39.0 deaths in 1,000 births.

POPULATION

The population of Oakland in 1910 was 150,174, in 1920, 216,261, a gain of approximately 44 per cent in a ten-year period. In 1930, 284,063, a gain of 31.4 per cent over 1920.

The cities of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Emeryville, Piedmont, San Leandro, Albany, Richmond and El Cerrito have now grown together into one compact whole. It is these nine cities which are referred to as the East Bay community, or Metropolitan Oakland, with a population of about 505,000.

SCHOOLS

Few cities in the United States can boast of a more perfect school system than Oakland, or more attractive school buildings. Noted educators from every section of the world have praised Oakland's educational facilities. The present school enrollment is in excess of 60,000. In Berkeley, which adjoins Oakland on the north, is the great University of California, the largest in the United States in point of enrollment and incidentally one of the richest in the matter of endowment.

Oakland has 50 primary and grammar schools, 13 junior high schools and 10 high schools.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Oakland's new park and playground development—a noteworthy feature of which was the acquisition of extensive municipal golf links—undoubtedly will be conducive to a still higher level of health and well-being among residents of this favored city. Among the Oakland parks which have attracted the attention of tourists from all parts of the world is beautiful Lake Merritt and Lakeside Park. Lake Merritt, situated in the center of the city, comprises 160 acres, and is surrounded by wonderful lawns and beyond these by beautiful, modern homes and apartments. On one side of the lake is situated Oakland's million-dollar auditorium.

The waters of Lake Merritt are dotted the year round with canoes and launches and during the so-called winter months many thousands of wild ducks make Lake Merritt their home. Spring finds these traditional wild birds almost as tame as barnyard fowls. They walk on the lawns and among the sightseers, apparently recognizing that their safety is assured.

The annual visit of these ducks that have adopted this spot in sunny California as their home has been made the occasion for pageants on the part of the people, and each January the now nationally known Wild Duck Pageant is held on the lake shore.

Possessed as it is of all these things considered essential for a great metropolis, with three trans-continental railways, its position on one of the world's greatest land-locked harbors and with ample room in which to make a tremendous expansion, Oakland's future is assured.