

CANADN'S GROWTH AND PROSPERITY.

Valuable Information Contained in Statistical Year Book.

Unprecedented Expansion of the Northwest.

The prosperity and growth of Canada are topics of vital interest to every Canadian, irrespective of race or political party, and it is most satisfactory to know that the latest edition of the "Statistical Year Book of Canada," published by the Department of Agriculture within a few days of the prorogation of parliament last month in conjunction with other official returns, proves that the Dominion is still growing as rapidly and steadily as it has. The census of 1901 gave the population of the Dominion 5,371,315. The Year Book is full of most interesting information, but unfortunately for the generality of readers this information is conveyed in statistical tables of figures, which, to the ordinary mind, convey merely a confused sense that the columns show larger figures all along the line as the years roll on, and whilst some 8,000 copies of the book are printed and distributed, even that edition is all too small to enable all who would obtain access to its contents. In this paper it is proposed to look at the question: "How rapidly is the population and occupation of new and large areas advancing in the country?"

At the beginning of the "Year Book" is placed a table headed "Statistical Summary of the Dominion of Canada, etc." which gives at a glance the details of the larger departments of the public service and so serves as a chronological record of the growth of the Dominion. The first column of this table is devoted to the figures of the population, and contains the figures obtained at the various censuses from Confederation down. In 1881 the population is placed by the census at 4,324,810; in 1895 it is represented as having increased to 4,833,239, whilst in 1901 the census showed that there were 5,371,315 people in the Dominion. Taking it as granted that one half the increase which the census of 1901 shows over its immediate predecessor took place between the years 1891-6, an altogether too liberal an allowance, because only some 74,000 immigrants settled in Canada in those years, whilst 160,000 settlers entered between 1897 and 1901, whilst the exodus of Canadians to the United States was stopped in the latter period, the population of the Dominion in 1896 may be placed at 5,102,277, showing an increase of 777,467 in the sixteen years, 1881-1896, done since 1896.

tion as 5,371,315, or 269,038 over the estimated population of 1896, but to these figures must be added immigrants to the number of 521,589 who have settled in Canada since 1901, and the natural increase of population, which would make Canada's population today about 6,100,000 souls, or an increase since the accession of the present administration to power of 1,000,000. Here, then, we have the startling fact that since the change of government in 1896 the population has increased 324,062, more than it did in the sixteen preceding years. It may also be pointed out that a very large percentage of these half million immigrants are the cream of the European settlers, being from the nations of Northern Europe, and far more than the average proportion of them in an ordinary country are able-bodied young men or women. This, it may be pointed out, is the true way to increase the wealth of a country, and it is almost impossible to estimate how much the placing of more than 500,000 of them in the great Northwest will add to the national income and increase the volume of trade, both domestic and foreign.

Hon. George E. Foster, speaking on the Address in the House on January sixteenth last, acknowledged these signs of prosperity. Having admitted that the country was prosperous and said that the Conservatives admitted that fact and maintained and rejoiced in it, he proceeded: "Another note is that the population is increasing. We are glad of that. The population is increasing by virtue of immigration, the attraction of those without, and population is also increasing by virtue of retention, that is, attraction of the people who are born within the country and who are kept within the country." It is true that Mr. Foster goes on to claim credit for all this to the Conservative party, but, apparently, if his claims are justified, the Conservative policy resembles many people's charity and is entirely posthumous, becoming only efficacious when the party being dead and out of power is no longer a working factor in the matter.

As to area occupied and likely to be brought under cultivation, one finds under an adjacent column that in the period from 1897 to 1904 (31st December) there were 18,541,929 acres of Dominion lands dealt with by the government, as against 14,298,340 in the sixteen preceding years, being an increase of nearly 4,300,000 acres of land dealt with. It is a pregnant and significant fact that of this immense quantity of Dominion land dealt with nearly the whole went into the hands of homesteaders. In the period of 1897-1904 the number of homestead entries was 112,289, as against 24,574 in the sixteen preceding years, or in the years that have elapsed since the change of government, more than three times the number of settlers than there was during the sixteen preceding years, have taken up land in the Northwest. These settlers have occupied with the prospect of immediate cultivation of a large portion and the early cultivation of the whole, 17,965,420 acres of land obtained from the government.

The significance of these figures can be seen by comparing them with the last census returns for the province of Ontario. These showed that in 1901 there were only 20,349,504 acres of land occupied in that province, of which only 13,266,335 were improved, so that since 1897 the settlers in the Northwest who have taken up land have homesteaded 4,700,000 acres more land for early cultivation than there is improved land in the province of Ontario.

The story of the occupation of land does not stop here, however, for in addition to the 18,591,925 acres of Dominion lands dealt with the Hudson's Bay Company and the railway companies, which have received land grants from the government have sold 10,100,741 acres of land to settlers, making a grand total of 28,691,670 acres of land disposed of since 1897, almost all of which is new and virgin soil passed into the hands of actual settlers. This immense extent of land is only 1,472,363 acres less than that returning in the last census as being improved land throughout the whole Dominion.

Anybody studying these facts and figures with fairness must be forced to the conclusion that not only is Canada rapidly increasing in population, but that the effect of this increase is to bring under cultivation large tracts of land and thus increase the material wealth and prosperity of the Dominion.

The growth and volume of the trade and of the revenue must be left to the future letters for consideration.

WINNIPEG WAITS WITH CONFIDENCE.

Watching the Harvesting of a Gigantic Crop.

Arrangements Being Made by Transportation Companies for Getting at the Grain.

Winnipeg, Aug. 16.—Expectations of taking off the largest crop on record this year now quite possess the minds of the people of this city. There is a lull in business and an acute tightness in money that would be serious if they reminded, but they will be relieved next month. This week's exports coming in from the province and the territories are all but uniformly favorable. There has been considerable showery and damp weather, but, as was the case today, the shower of the morning was changed into the clear sky and sunshine of the afternoon. The crop is ripening earlier than was anticipated when the dates of the harvesters' excursions from the east were set, and it is all but certain that the first arrivals will be eagerly picked up by the farmers.

A GIGANTIC CROP.

The estimated area under crop in Manitoba and the Territories this season is put at 6,000,000 acres of wheat, oats, barley and flax. The total yield will approximate 140,000,000 bushels of all kinds of grain. The wheat acreage is estimated at 4,000,000, Fort William and other western

000. Manitoba is credited with 2,600,000 acres, and the territories with 1,400,000 acres. With an average yield of 20 bushels to the acre, which at present seems probable, the total yield of wheat would be 80,000,000 bushels. If to that be added 50,000,000 bushels of oats and 10,000,000 bushels of barley, the enormous figure of 140,000,000 is reached.

GETTING OUT THE GRAIN.

The task of transporting that huge harvest is one for which the railway companies are preparing themselves. The C. P. R. claim that they will be able to take 400 cars of grain a day each way, east and west. Allowing that the Canadian Northern handles 100 cars a day, the combined carrying capacity would be equal to about 500,000 bushels a day, or 16,500,000 bushels a month. At the end of 3 months but 50,000,000 bushels would have been carried, and there would remain 30,000,000 bushels of wheat, not to speak of oats and barley. But the elevator capacity at Port Arthur, the wheat acreage is estimated at 4,000,000, Fort William and other western



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points is put at 46,000,000 bushels. It therefore becomes evident that the wheat crop is in process of being cared for, but that the oat and barley crop will have to wait. A large proportion of oats and barley will be consumed in the west.

PRETTY WELL TIED UP.

These western people show their faith in their country by the rapidity and extent of their investments and enterprises. The situation is such this year that were anything serious to affect the crop, which seems now impossible, the result would be disastrous. Farmers and storekeepers are tied up since last year, and Winnipeg is deeply interested in their harvesting operations. The banks have been carrying the wholesale and retail men along, especially the latter, and the retail men are carrying along the farmer. But in that they have been assisted largely by the implement and loan companies. It is inevitable that as soon as possible the new settler shall erect new buildings, and in the effort to get them the farmers have gone their limit. Last year was not a big year. The aggregate crop was large, but the average was only nineteen bushels of wheat to the acre, which means that a lot of farmers had very thin crops to bring the average of thirty-five bushels on some land down to the nineteen for the country. It must also be kept in mind that a good proportion of the wheat is second grade, i. e., Manitoba Northern and not all Manitoba hard. That reduces the price.

CAUTIOUS FINANCING.

The loan companies are extremely careful both in and out of Winnipeg. There may be those whose faith in the country is unbounded; that of the loan companies is limited. Loans to the extent of forty or fifty cents on a valuation made by the company's own appraiser is the regular policy of safety. One reason for that is the demand for money is great, so great, indeed, that plenty of investment capital is found in the safe place now followed, and at interest of eight and nine per cent. Such conservatism is calculated to save this city, and the country generally, from the wild speculation of a boom town or country, and under such a policy confidence in the country is sure to increase. One result is that in Winnipeg, although houses are in demand at a high rate, no great amount of speculation is being done by the professional speculator.

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ROOSTERS MUST SLEEP.

Mount Vernon's Health Board Puts on the Ban.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Roosters are forbidden to crow, dogs to bark, bells to be tolled and engines to toot their whistles in Mount Vernon between ten o'clock at night and six o'clock in the morning, according to a decision reached today at a meeting of the Board of Health. The ban will be placed upon these so-called nuisances Saturday, and after that owners of indiscreet fowls, and mindful watch dogs which might attempt to bark and thus give their masters or mistresses warning of an approaching burglar, will be subject to arrest and fine, the penalty ranging from five to fifty dollars. Those who fail to pay their fines will have to go to jail.

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There is much speculation as to the outcome of the ordinance, as the police official say they will enforce it after Saturday. The new law reaches nearly every resident of Mount Vernon, as the majority of them possess either a dog or chickens, and most of them both.

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