

NINTH YEAR. That Is the Population of the Queen City of the West.

"OH MY! HOW YOU HAVE GROWN!" 165,000 Without the Flowery Ward of Saint Alban.

PARKDALE WILL SWELL IT TO 170,000. The World's Great Corps of Guessers—How Far Off and How Near They Were to It—The Winner of the Prize Not Yet Known—Nor Will He Be Until the Official Declaration is Made—Incidents of the Contest—How Four Dollars was Earned—The Population of Toronto in Other Years.

THE TORONTO READERS OF THE WORLD CAN SIP THEIR COFFEY with this morning with the comforting knowledge that they are citizens of no mean city. The Queen City of the West can rear her head among the proudest of the continent. The cities and towns of the Province should rejoice with her in her expanding commerce, her handsome buildings, her enterprising people, and above all in the phenomenal—thats the word—growth of her population.

170,000 Souls. The census taken yesterday, although imperfectly incomplete at the hour of writing, shows that there is not less than 165,000 inhabitants, without counting Parkdale. When that suburb is "officially" added, which will be in a few days, the number will be fully 170,000. There is no doubt about that! The growth of Toronto has not been remarkable but phenomenal. In 1861, in round numbers, her population was about 50,000. That was when the last census was taken. In that year Montreal had 184,000. It would not be interesting to know how the two cities compare to-day. Of course since 1861 three or four small suburbs have been annexed, but it is not from that source that the city has made such wonderful strides in population. It is by the enterprising and good-will of her people. These accomplishments attract people from other parts of the Dominion and from other lands. There is a great study to the effect which are given in these columns this morning, but the hour is too late to allow of a thorough analysis.

We hope all Canadians feel the same way. The World rejoices in the Queen City's growth. We had all Canadians feel the same way. The World also congratulates Ald. Dodds on the success of his labors. In this actual list we exclude all female occupants, and from 1871 the figures were given for males only.

The Figures of Past Years. These are the early populations of Toronto: 1793—1,000; 1800—1,500; 1807—2,000; 1814—3,000; 1821—5,000; 1828—10,000; 1835—15,000; 1842—25,000; 1849—40,000; 1856—60,000; 1861—75,000; 1868—100,000; 1875—130,000; 1882—165,000.

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Only about 15 had to be omitted. The names of the winners of the World's prize of a year's free subscription cannot be announced until the official declaration is made by the City Clerk, which will probably be to-day or tomorrow. All of the enumerators are sworn officers.

The guesses sent in including Parkdale were not met with the real because the census of Parkdale will not be taken until some time in January probably. It will be noticed that the population of the city is 165,000, which is 15,000 less than the population of the city of Montreal. The population of the World as a paper may be judged by the following contributions:

Table listing names and their respective contributions to the population guess. Includes names like J. R. Irving, W. G. Marshall, and others with numerical values.

What Board of Trade Men Guesst. Change in the Board of Trade for the following guesses are made: H. N. Baird, 165,000; W. G. Marshall, 170,000; J. R. Irving, 175,000; etc.

Guesses by the Citizens. Most of our guesses were made by the citizens. The following are some of the guesses: J. R. Irving, 170,000; W. G. Marshall, 175,000; J. R. Irving, 180,000; etc.

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