

Nothing can show more clearly the wonderfully rapid progress of Canada in the career of prosperity—and particularly since Confederation—than the figures of its total trade. They exceed all anticipations of the most sanguine. In 1866-67 the total amount amounted to \$94,791,860; in 1871-72, it reached \$194,070,190; and in 1872-73, it had reached the very large figure of \$217,197,096, showing that the volume of trade had very much more than doubled, in fact it had almost trebled, within that period.

For the purpose of comparison, we repeat the figures, showing the total trade for the two last decennials:—

<i>Years.</i>	<i>Total Trade.</i>
1850	\$29,703,497
1851	34,805,461
1852	35,594,100
1853	55,782,739
1854	63,548,515
1855	64,274,680
1856	75,631,404
1857	66,487,822
1858	52,550,461
1859	58,299,242

Between the years 1860 and 1869, inclusive, the total trade shows as follows:—

1860	\$68,955,093
1861	76,119,843
1862	79,398,067
1863	81,458,331
1864 $\frac{1}{2}$ year	94,586,054
1864-5	80,644,951
1865-6	96,479,738
1866-7	94,791,860
1867-8	119,797,879
1868-9	130,889,946

These two past decennials show remarkable progress; but the first three years of the present show more remarkable progress still:—

1869-70	\$148,387,829
1860-71	170,266,589
1871-72	194,070,190
1872-73	217,197,096

The annual increase alone of these three years is almost as large as the total trade in 1850.