

Toronto's Progress Told in Figures

Writing in the Canadian Magazine for April, 1907, Dr. Goidwin Smith, the noted philosopher and historian, had this to say about Toronto as a manufacturing centre:—

"The announcement that manufacturers are going to build a thousand homes for additional hands seem to mark a turning point in the history of Toronto. Is she henceforth to be a residential or a manufacturing city? She can hardly be both, at least in a special degree. Apparently, by this announcement, the die is cast and Toronto is to be a manufacturing city."

The usually keen sighted "Sage of the Grange" in this instance suffered from too close proximity to the object he was studying and did not realize, until the encroachment of factories on the very district in which he lived forced the knowledge on him, that Toronto had already become a manufacturing city. Not only was this so, but she has progressed steadily in this respect and has also maintained her reputation as a residential city. The growth in both lines is well illustrated by the following comparisons of the building operations in the years 1901 and 1911:—

NEW BUILDINGS ERECTED

1911	-	-	-	-	-	\$24,374,539
1901	-	-	-	-	-	3,568,883
Increase	-	-	-	-	-	\$20,805,656

From 1901 until 1911 the value of the new buildings erected in Toronto grew from year to year until the figures reported by the City Architect's Department as the total for 1911 show an increase of 583 per cent. in building operations in a decade. These remarkable figures are supported by