

been in some way connected with the Lakes to maintain its relative position amongst the States and Provinces of this Northern continent (a). The value of real estate and personal property in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Canada, increased from \$3,000,000,000 in 1850, to nearly \$7,000,000,000 in 1860 (b):

(a) All the States did indeed increase absolutely between 1850 and 1860, but not in the same relative proportion. An interesting table, published in Mr. Kennedy's report on the census, page 120, shows that New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio remained in their proud position at the head of the list; that Illinois advanced from the 11th to the 4th; Indiana from 7th to 6th; Wisconsin from 24th to 15th; Michigan from 20th to 16th. But even energetic Georgia lost two places and became eleventh; Virginia declined from 4th to 5th; Massachusetts from 6th to 7th, and Kentucky, Pennsylvania, &c., lost caste in comparison with their North-Western sister States.

(b) Value of Real Estate as given in the census returns:—

	1850.	1860.
Wisconsin	\$42,056,595	\$273,671,668
Michigan	59,787,255	257,163,983
Illinois	156,265,006	871,860,282
Indiana	202,650,264	528,835,371
Ohio	504,726,120	1,193,898,432
Pennsylvania	722,486,120	1,416,501,818
New York	1,080,309,216	1,843,333,517
Canada	300,000,000	550,000,000
	\$3,068,280,576	\$6,935,270,061

(The census of Canada gives the value of farms only, viz.:—

1852	\$263,516,192
1861	466,675,384

An addition has been made for city property and personal estate.)

The increase in lands improved was as follows:—

	1850.	1860.
Wisconsin, acres	1,045,499	3,746,036
Michigan	1,929,110	3,419,861
Illinois	5,039,545	13,251,473
Indiana	5,046,543	8,161,717
Ohio	9,851,493	12,665,587
Pennsylvania	8,623,619	10,463,306
New York	12,408,964	14,376,397
Canada	7,307,950	10,855,854
	51,252,723	76,940,231
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Increase in ten years, acres..... 25,687,508

The increase in agricultural productions is shown by the following table, of which the details are interesting, since they prove that New York and Pennsylvania grow less wheat than formerly, and depend more on other regions for sustenance.