

thousand; Prince Edward Island 197, or at the rate of 1.80, and Nova Scotia 9,950, or about 22. Quebec and Ontario have increased 0.65 per cent. In the decade, there being only a slight fraction of difference in their relative proportions.

In the more sparse populations of the Western Provinces there is a better showing, the ten years percentage being 102.19, British Columbia standing at 87.56. The official figures show that the entire population of Canada is only 4,823,344, towards which the Province of British Columbia contributed 92,767. It is worthy of note that more than half the increase in Ontario is found in the city of Toronto, a circumstance which emphasizes to a degree the regrettable fact of the tendency of population to centre in the cities. Particularly in a new country like Canada, it is advisable to open and build up the country districts; which not only supply the towns with their markets, but furnish them with the natural products that are in so great demand for daily consumption.

We have already established, on a good basis, many branches of manufacture which we might describe as artificial industries, and are seeking to find foreign markets for their products. It would now appear as if our own interests, at any rate for the time being, lay in the direction of building up our agriculture and developing our mineral resources, for both of which there are sufficient remunerative markets, both at home and abroad. The results of the census will, no doubt, for some time to come, form a fruitful subject for the cogitations and calculations of the economist, while for the ordinary thinker they are pregnant with meaning irrespective of the political features of their presentment.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Philadelphia *Fruit World* urges the need of such interstate and international legislation as would make it an actionable offence to brand fruit anything else than what it is, and suggests that packers, canners and shippers be held responsible for the brand they put upon their fruit made ready for shipment. The subject of brands especially of fish—has also been up in England and resolutions have been passed strongly condemnatory of the practice of rebranding that obtains; inferior packs being frequently put up in attractive form as to make them represent what they really are not, to the detriment of the Canadian and American packer, whose reputation has been made upon the quality of the article which he produces. This suggestion of the Philadelphia paper might very well be carried out with respect to fish.

CANADIAN cotton mills have been rewarded by a variety of prizes for the good display they made at Jamaica. The Montreal Cotton Company received a gold medal and diploma for superior quality and make of silerases, denims, Canton flannels, Turkey red cottons, Versailles cloths, pocketings and fine dyed linings for ladies' use. The Stormont Cotton Manufacturing Co. also received a gold medal and diploma, having shown cottonades, shirtings, Maras suitings and other goods. The On-

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

IMPORTS.

The following is a summary of the quantity, value and duty on imports at the port of Victoria for the month of August, 1891:

ARTICLES.	QUAN.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Acids.....		\$ 50	\$ 10 57
Agricultural implements.....	563	221 45	
Ale, beer & port'wines.....	6,516	2,374 61	
Animals.....	12,594	3,485 70	
Books, pamph's, etc.....	1,036	188 81	
Brass & manuf's of.....	769	225 10	
Breadstuffs, etc., viz.....			
Grain, of all kinds.....	856	67 49	
Flour, bris.....	3,345	567 48	
Meal.....	3,025	514 60	
Rice and all other breadstuffs.....	5,885	2,794 74	
Candles, lbs.....	376	98 50	
Chicory, lbs.....	188	10 25	
Coal and coke, tons.....	899	93 26	
Coffee, from U.S. lbs.....	102	31 40	
Cordage all kinds.....	640	133 50	
Cotton, manuf's of.....	4,878	1,466 63	
Drugs & medicines.....	31,251	12,032 18	
Earthen, stone and Chir ware.....	1,010	316 80	
Fancy goods.....	1,375	434 00	
Fish.....	1,872	431 31	
Fruit, dried.....	622	154 77	
Green.....	12,971	2,852 11	
Furs.....	152	38 00	
Glass, glassware.....	1,657	515 40	
Gum'd r & exp'sub's.....	851	229 95	
Hats, caps & bonnets.....	1,156	346 80	
Hops, lbs.....	103	22 32	
Iron and steel m's of.....	7,125	1,818 32	
Jewelry & watches and m's of gold and silver.....	116,212	4,847 84	
Lead and manuf's of.....	526	132 05	
Leather and m's of.....	233	59 14	
Marble and stone and manuf's of.....	2,223	539 91	
Malt, bush.....	359	122 05	
Metals, composition and m's of.....	532	81 75	
Musical instruments.....	503	123 96	
Oil, coal and kerosene, gals.....	2,526	717 50	
All other, gals.....	999	321 60	
Paints and colors.....	2,511	615 13	
Paper and m's of.....	632	179 05	
Perfumery.....	1,436	520 31	
Provisions.....	249	74 70	
Bacon & hams, etc.....	13,381	3,617 74	
Salt, not from Great Britain or British possessions, or for fisheries, lbs.....	170	12 15	
Seeds.....	186	20 10	
Silk, manuf's of.....	2,668	799 80	
Soap of all kinds.....	26	11 06	
Spices of all kinds.....	93	24 15	

tario Cotton Manufacturing Co., and St. Croix Cotton Mills received silver medals and diplomas for the same class of goods.

It is difficult to foresee when the present session of the Dominion Parliament is likely to come to an end. There appears to be still a great deal of scandal to ventilate and get at the bottom of as well as much public business to attend to.

DON OVIDE FRECHETTE, Chilean representative in Canada, has recommended that Captain H. A. Mellon be appointed Chilean Consul at Vancouver. The Captain is already acting in that capacity, pending the arrival of his papers which are in course of preparation.

THE official bank statement for July has recently come to hand. It is in a somewhat different form from preceding ones, the Banking Act of last session having provided for a number of important modifications, which render it rather difficult to make comparisons of some of the details. During the month, deposits have increased

ARTICLES.	QUAN.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Starch, lbs.....		67	32 12
Spirits.....			
Of all kinds, gals.....	6,087	9,171 87	
Wine, other than Sparkling, gals.....	2,716	2,009 61	
Wine, sparkling, doz.....	1,465	815 70	
Sugar above No 11 lbs.....	168	36 42	
Notab'vo No 11 lbs.....	624	31 20	
Sugar, glucose and syrups lbs.....	230	47 29	
Molasses.....	17	85 00	
Tea, from U.S. lbs.....	346	31 60	
Tobacco and cigars.....	1,734	1,873 45	
Wood and m's of.....	2,783	752 05	
Woolen m's of.....	1,118	1,327 47	
All other dutiable articles.....	40,616	11,291 83	
Total dutiable goods.....		\$38,229	\$72,055 66
Free goods, all other.....		41,359	
Grand total.....		\$219,598	\$72,055 66

EXPORTS

From the port of Victoria, for the month of August, 1891—the produce of Canada:

THE MINE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Gold bearing quartz, etc.....		36,548
THE FISHERIES.		
Fish of all descriptions.....	246	
Furs or skins of creatures living in the water.....	7,900	
ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCE.		
Other articles.....	27,239	
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.		
Fruits—green.....	1	
MANUFACTURES.		
Cottons, woollens, etc.....	5	
Iron—Pig and scrap castings, hardware, etc.....	10	
Liquors, Spirituous and Malt, of all kinds, gals.....	424	1,390
Other articles.....	964	
Miscellaneous Articles.....	800	
Grand total.....		\$75,103
Goods, not the product of Canada, for the month of August, 1891:		
	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Agricultural products.....	10	
Cottons, woollens, etc.....	15	
Iron—Pig and scrap, castings, hardware, etc.....	260	
Manufactures of leather.....	20	
Sewing machines.....	3	80
Wood, m's all kinds.....	1,731	
Other manufactures.....	2,153	
Miscellaneous articles.....	883	
Grand total.....		\$ 5,152
Total exports of all kinds.....		\$ 80,255

\$2,000,000, while circulation, as is not infrequently the case at this time of the year, manifests a falling off of \$800,000.

MR. HENRIKER HEATON, M. P., writes as follows respecting the Imperial Penny Postage: "I am expecting every moment to hear of the institution of Ocean Penny Postage, in accordance with an intimation conveyed to me; but you know what delay occurs when the Treasury has to endorse any reform that may involve expenditure. I am leaving for Australia in full confidence that the important, the irresistible claim of Canada to the immediate establishment of the Penny rate from England and to England will be strenuously and unceasingly pressed."

MR. JOHN WHITE, ex-M.P., representing Toronto capital, has entered into an agreement with the Sydney Land and Improvement Company to erect a thoroughly modern saw-mill, with a capacity of 75,000 feet a day, at the new town in North Saanich. The contract specifies that the mill shall be in operation within one year