

In less than twelve years the people of Canada have more than doubled the amount of their life assurance, the aggregate having in that period risen from \$211,761,583 to \$431,962,423. Assuming the estimated population at each period to have been as given in official documents, the average amount of life assurance per head has risen in 12 years from \$43.21 to \$81.50, which must be regarded as most satisfactory evidence of the increased appreciation of life assurance and of financial capacity to maintain heavier amount of the protection it affords.

### THE MARKETS IN WHICH CANADA BUYS HER IMPORTS.

A striking illustration of the wide spread of commercial development in modern times is given by the list of countries in which purchases are made of goods for the use of the people of Canada, the number of which is over fifty. There is no part of the inhabited globe which does not contribute some product for the service of Canada. People of every nationality, race or tribe are engaged in some forms of industry, or enterprise which are, more or less, sustained by the demands of Canadian commerce. A complete schedule of the articles purchased for consumption in Canada would more than fill every page of this journal. If, as a distinguished writer affirms, the height to which civilisation in any country has risen and the social condition of the people may be judged by the multiplicity of its requirements. The savage has no needs beyond what his own hands can provide. Judged by this test Canada occupies a very elevated position, for she puts the entire world under tribute to supply her wants. The following table gives the value of the goods imported in 1900, 1899, and 1898, from each of the countries in which purchases are made to supply the Canadian market, supplemented by a summary showing the respective amount of imports from all parts of the British Empire, from European countries, the United States, Southern America, and scattered parts of Asia and Africa.

The percentage of the imports received in Canada from each main division in above schedule to the total imports from all parts of the world, in 1900 and 1898, was as follows:—

### IMPORTS INTO CANADA FOR HOME CONSUMPTION BY COUNTRIES, 1897-98-99, 1900.

Countries	1900.	1899.	1898.	Inc. or Dec.
	\$	\$	\$	1900 from 1898
<i>British Empire.</i>				
Great Britain.....	44,279,983	36,931,323	32,043,461	x12 236,522
" Coin & Bullion.....	599,747	128,800	457,456	.....
British Africa.....	87,905	98,912	133,529	d 45,624
" Australasia.....	560,834	394,166	149,105	x 411,779
" East Indies.....	1,309,761	815,359	545,992	x 762,769
" Guiana.....	67,650	34,349	53,648	x 14,012
" West Indies.....	890,439	947,409	659,855	x 140,644
Hong Kong.....	117,619	10,145	3,316	x 114,303
Newfoundland.....	637,444	493,926	423,041	x 214,403
All other parts.....	1,267	4,512	3,550	d 2,243
<b>Totals, British Empire.....</b>	<b>48,372,769</b>	<b>39,858,901</b>	<b>34,473,953</b>	<b>x13,898,816</b>

### Foreign Countries.

United States.....	102,080,177	88,467,173	74,824,923	x27,255,254
" Coin & Bullion.....	7,764,201	4,539,993	3,880,667	x 3,883,534
Germany.....	8,383,498	7,392,106	5,584,014	x 2,799,184
France.....	4,368,246	3,889,295	3,975,030	x 393,216
Belgium.....	2,223,918	2,318,723	1,230,110	x 1,993,808
Japan.....	1,751,415	2,018,107	1,439,354	x 312,661
China.....	629,729	751,390	878,617	d 248,888
Holland.....	579,582	500,394	374,047	x 205,535
Spain.....	560,701	534,482	488,787	x 71,914
Argentina.....	671,269	782,904	648,952	d 77,663
Switzerland.....	629,176	568,768	349,678	x 179,198
Porto Rico & Cuba.....	516,164	374,215	392,403	x 124,761
Brazil.....	231,58	102,294	166,356	x 65,003
Turkey.....	164,910	142,609	168,284	d 3,699
Austria.....	228,494	275,883	247,955	d 47,759
Italy.....	144,373	395,599	421,258	d 231,025
Dutch, E. Indies.....	23,601	157,564	99,681	d 129,063
" W. Indies.....	13,984	20,586	41	x 13,943
Mexico.....	56,218	44,898	11,718	x 44,500
Norway & Sweden.....	59,624	38,812	55,328	x 4,296
Venezuela.....	68,291	123,311	90,852	d 22,061
Portugal.....	72,756	63,296	47,319	x 25,466
Central America.....	48,112	34,550	4,804	x 43,308
Arabia & Persia.....	11,544	19,476	20,838	d 8,892
Chili.....	28,185	30,976	40,186	d 12,001
Denmark.....	14,184	2,282	4,303	x 9,881
Egypt.....	4,698	5,264	5,049	d 451
Greece.....	204,888	182,984	167,144	x 37,741
Hawaii.....	2,414	7,473	4,077	d 1,663
Pern.....	173	86,135	423,583	d 423,410
Philippines.....	13,255	.....	.....	.....
Russia.....	24,659	163,981	16,302	x 8,357
St. Pierre.....	5,953	5,677	4,155	x 1,798
Spanish possessions.....	.....	88,873	85,377	.....
Other countries.....	28,569	24,267	2,131	x 8,438
" Coin & Bullion.....	23,490	36,355	52,731	d 29,241

Total, Foreign countries..... 132,431,547 114,192,692 96,224,053 x36,207,494

Total, British Empire..... 48,372,769 39,858,901 34,473,953 x13,898,816

Total of Imports for home consumption..... 180,804,316 154,051,593 136,698,006 x50,106,310

Other Imports..... 8,818,197 8,712,715 9,625,547 d 807,350

Grand Total Imp..... 189,622,513 162,764,308 140,323,553 x49,298,960

### SUMMARY OF IMPORTS.

Imports into Canada from	1900.	1899.	1898.	Inc. or dec. of 1900 from 1898.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Great Britain.....	44,789,730	37,060,123	32,500,917	x12,288,827
East Indies and Colonies.....	3,583,039	2,798,778	1,973,036	x 1,610,003
<b>Total British Empire.....</b>	<b>48,372,769</b>	<b>39,858,901</b>	<b>34,473,953</b>	<b>x13,898,816</b>
United States.....	109,844,378	93,007,166	78,705,590	x31,138,788
Southern America.....	1,093,606	1,301,941	1,471,827	d 298,221
West Indies, foreign.....	530,148	394,815	392,454	x 137,694
Europe, 13 countries.....	18,414,265	16,073,614	12,708,301	x 5,705,961
Asia and Africa.....	2,434,142	2,946,799	2,443,539	d 9,397
Other countries.....	205,008	468,357	502,342	d 297,334

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Years.	British Empire.	United States.	Europe.	Asia, Africa S. America.	Other Places.
1900.....	25.71	57.59	9.71	3.35	3.74
1898.....	24.53	59.16	9.00	4.72	2.59

1900 Gross percentage of increase over 1898, 35.13 per cent.

The above comparison brings out results which are not generally exhibited by comparisons based upon more restricted data. It is, however, quite evident from the above statistics, that the rise in imports from \$140,323,053 in 1898 to \$189,622,513 in 1900, an ad-