

sections, each man allotted his division, and they have been plodding up and down the streets all last week. The enumerators brought in their books on Monday night, each man taking a statutory declaration that the count had been well and carefully done. Yesterday the totals were made up as follows:

East of the Don	Richard Short.....	604
West of Dufferin street...	P. W. Hayward.....	362
Yonge to the Don	J. S. May.....	1035
Yonge to Bathurst.....	{ G. E. Harwood T. A. Patterfield }	491
Bathurst to Dufferin....	E. R. Bartlett.....	807
		<hr/> 3299

A digest of the returns, which is herewith given, show a state of affairs which is far from dissatisfactory:

Finished and habitable houses	2165
Unfinished houses.....	735
Uninhabitable houses.....	88
Total houses.....	<hr/> 2988
Vacant stores	311
Total vacant buildings.....	<hr/> 3299

From the above it will be seen that there is at the most one vacant house to every 100 population, or 10 to every 1000. This does not show the ruinous state of affairs that some pessimists try to paint. If the city's population increases 20,000 this year, as it did last year (exclusive of Parkdale), and it takes one house to every five, 4000 habitable houses will be necessary. Even if the increase is only 10,000 the habitable houses now in the market will be nearly all required.

In a large city, if progress is to be made, there must always be a labor of large number of vacant houses. People are always moving about in search of more commodious dwellings. A number of the prominent house renting firms say that if a house-owner has nine out of ten of his buildings under lease he should be well satisfied—considering the various causes of house vacancy. The returns show that the proportion