

## STATISTICS OF GROWTH OF CANADA.

For many years previous to 1867, in which the chief of the scattered Provinces of British North America became confederated into one Dominion, their growth had been steady but gradual. Since that date, the increased rapidity of the advance of material prosperity has been almost marvellous. This may be exemplified in various ways. The growth of banking capital and the increase in deposits, especially those of a permanent character on which interest is paid, are excellent indications of the progress of the country. The following comparative statement, referring only to the banks of the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, shows the paid-up capital, the deposits at call, the deposits requiring notice, and the note circulation, on May 31, 1867, and on September 30, 1874 :—

	May 31, '67.	Sept. 30, '74.	Increase.
Capital paid up .....	\$29,346,863	\$56,906,418	\$27,559,555
Deposits at call .....	14,256,764	40,183,880	25,927,116
Deposits requiring notice ..	13,985,580	35,223,967	21,238,387
Note circulation .....	8,444,787	25,912,212	17,467,425

The foregoing figures are evidences of a growth the rapidity of which has, probably, never been equalled in any other country of the world; and they furnish an infallible index to the accumulation of wealth by the people at large. In addition to the \$75,000,000 of deposits as above, there are also about \$20,000,000 deposited in Government, Post Office and other Savings Banks, and with Building and Loan Societies, of which there are no accurate statistics available.

The following comparative statement of the receipts of the Dominion, for the six fiscal years preceding June 30, 1873, tells the same story of rapid growth :—

	1867-68.	1868-69.	1869-70.	1870-71.	1871-72.	1872-73.
Customs .....	8,578,380 09	8,272,899 78	9,334,312 98	11,841,104 56	12,287,821	12,747,042
Excise .....	3,002,588 16	2,710,028 42	3,619,622 47	4,295,944 72	4,738,830	4,458,671
Post Office, including Ocean Postage and Money Orders .....	525,691 80	535,315 14	573,565 84	612,630 67	652,879	832,196
Public Works, includ'g Railways .....	901,466 41	918,932 80	1,006,844 67	1,146,240 25	1,110,981	1,229,983
Bill Stamps .....	119,712 83	129,664 81	134,047 22	183,319 42	189,616	199,350
Miscellaneous .....	560,089 20	1,812,353 57	843,932 47	1,256,321 19	1,319,972	671,324
Totals .....	13,687,928 49	14,379,174 52	15,512,225 65	19,835,560 81	20,300,133	20,118,572