

The following table gives the population, area and average density of population of some of the chief European, American and Canadian cities:—

Name.	Area, Acres.	Population Number.	Density of Population No. per Acre.
London	440,320	7,200,000	
New York	206,420	4,300,000	16.3
Paris	115,712	3,900,000	20.7
Berlin	76,288	3,200,000	33.7
Chicago	120,576	2,100,000	42.1
Philadelphia	81,152	1,500,000	17.4
Boston	27,072	1,300,000	18.5
Montreal	27,520	476,000	43.3
Toronto	16,750	345,000	17.3
			20.6

These figures give the average density of population within the entire administrative area of each city, which in some cases (eg., New York), includes large areas of what is really open country.

In order to forecast what the probable future growth of population in Toronto will be within the next ten years or so, it is necessary to look back over the past few years.

The present population of the City is stated to be 344,275, and the average annual increase during the last five years has been 7.6 per cent., or at an average rate of 6.65 per cent. per annum, while for the last 10 years it has increased at an average rate of 5.79 per cent. per annum.

For the purposes of comparison and to form an estimate of the probable growth a diagram (Figure 3) is shown, on which is plotted the growth of population of the chief cities on the Great Lakes, as well as that of Toronto. The general conditions of the cities on these lakes are so similar that a better forecast of the future can be made by considering them all together than by considering one. It will be seen from this diagram that there has been a remarkable similarity in the rate of growth of these cities. Eliminating Chicago (the largest) and considering the following cities in the United States, viz., Cleveland, Buffalo, Milwaukee, Detroit and Toledo, we find that these five cities have for four decades maintained about the same relative position as regards population, and have grown at about the same rate as one another, but while they continue to increase, the rate of growth diminishes as their size increases.

Keeping this in mind, and considering that the country tributary to these United States cities is now in a higher state of development than the not less valuable area tributary to Toronto, and that the latter is now developing faster than the corresponding areas in the States, it would seem fair to assume that the rate of growth of Toronto during the next decade or so would be rather greater than these five cities, and as their recent average