the density of population, having been, as many think, too eager to enlarge its boundaries even to the extent of taking in farm lands before being needed by the population. There are 265 miles of streets in Toronto and 84 miles of lanes. The sewers, water and gas mains are respectively 238,-267, 277 miles. The water rates, generally stated, for dwellings are, $1.50 yearly, which is the lowest rate, and rise 25 cents for each additional room and each additional inmate, so a house with 15 rooms, and 17 inmates pays $8.00, with an additional charge for baths, sinks, basins, laundry tubs, water for washing windows, for lawns, etc. The scale is quite elaborate.

The city owns 1,329 acres devoted to park purposes. Its fire department is considered quite up to the average of large cities. In 1903 the total fire insurance on buildings and contents was $2,-111,724. The insurance paid was $219,058, and loss in excess of insurance $54,683.

The Queen City of the West is now enjoying great prosperity. That this condition may continue and go on increasing is the earnest hope of all who have the welfare of Canada at heart!

THE IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA.

Were an enquiry made as to what evidence could be presented of the expansion of Canada in past few years and the present prosperity of the country, a very complete answer would be to point to the bank reports and statements for the past year. The suppositious seeker after Wren's monument in St Paul's is bidden to "Look around;" ("Circumspice" is the inscription).

One of the most conspicuous signs and proofs of the growth and enrichment of this Dominion in recent years is the record of the Imperial Bank of Canada. It seems a happy coincidence that the 30th annual statement of this bank should announce that the reserve fund had reached $3,000,000, the same sum as the paid-up capital, which is a very gratifying result of his labours to Mr. D. R. Wilkie, vice-president and general manager, to whom is due the eminent rank of the Imperial amongst Canadian banks.

He doubtless recalls occasionally the first annual meeting held on 5th July, 1876, when the report presented was strongly marked by the spirit of

TORONTO ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES.

TABLE SHOWING THE ASSESSMENTS OF PROPERTY AND INCOME IN TORONTO, THE RATE OF TAXATION, THE AMOUNT OF TAXES LEVIED AND POPULATION IN YEARS 1871 TO 1904.

Year.	Realty.	Personalty and Income.	Realty Personalty and Income.	Rate of Tax on the $	General Taxes.	Local Improvement Rates.	General Taxes and Local Improvement.	Revenue besides Taxation.	Population.
	$	$	$	Mills	$	$	$	$	
1871	22,037,470	7,239,665	29,277,135	15	439,157	8,430	447,587	86,000	56,092
1873	31,924,734	* 12,840,148	44,764,882	12½	559,561	14,877	574,438	110,301	....
1875	36,560,652	9,945,628	46,506,280	14	651,087	23,267	679,355	132,615	74,000
1877	38,716,043	8,899,140	47,615,183	19¾	928,496	34,821	963,317	102,000	....
1879	41,212,757	8,544,805	49,757,562	17½	870,757	43,239	913,996	267,800	....
1881	44,151,186	9,389,724	53,540,910	16½	883,425	45,268	929,693	278,240	86,015
1883	51,271,019	10,684,616	61,954,635	15½	960,296	131,381	1,091,678	350,470	....
1885	57,424,589	11,563,942	68,988,531	17	1,172,805	139,498	1,312,303	416,310	113,000
1887	69,469,969	13,789,564	83,259,533	13¾	1,311,337	170,112	1,481,449	476,300	....
1889	101,929,190	13,702,827	115,632,017	14½	1,676,666	286,481	1,963,145	557,050	172,460
1891	131,885,517	15,147,072	147,032,589	16¾	2,462,795	511,759	2,774,554	620,207	188,914
1893	137,787,688	13,046,708	150,833,796	17¼	2,607,586	684,364	3,291,950	711,873	....
1895	133,547,022	12,880,780	156,427,802	16¼	2,396,970	666,800	3,063,770	677,351	....
1897	117,652,422	12,644,035	130,296,457	17¼	2,260,672	539,186	2,799,858	670,000	195,987
1899	112,647,132	11,736,160	124,383,292	17½	2,194,862	455,240	2,650,102	724,149	....
1901	114,504,990	13,813,713	128,318,703	19	2,462,143	440,968	2,903,112	768,136	....
1903	123,113,933	15,474,672	138,588,605	19	2,659,679	468,536	3,128,215	887,871	221,583
1904	126,913,761	15,414,636	142,328,397	19	2,732,214	516,237	3,248,452	1,109,915	240,000

* Inclusive of $3,730,000 assessment in Bank Stock, since exempt.