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TORONTO, December 20.

The census returns of manufacturing industries in Toronto, show satisfactory increases in the past ten years. In 1891 the number of employes was 24,480, and in 1901 the number was 43,856, an increase of 18,768. The amount paid in wages in 1891 was \$9,042,125, in 1901 the amount was \$15,398,319, an increase of \$6,356,964. In 1891 the value of the products of all the factories was \$42,489,352, and in 1901 \$58,870,875, an increase of \$16,591,523. In presenting the report Mr. David Carlyle, the Census Commissioner, states that the total number of factories investigated was 1,552, and of this number only 928 were enumerated complying with the rule of five persons and upwards. In 1891 there were enumerated under the rule of one person and upwards 2,109, so that it is to be noted that the great excess of persons employed and products in 1901 over that of 1891, was from 1,171 less places designated as factories. Had the census of 1901 been carried out on the lines of 1891, it would have shown a much larger increase. The work is not quite completed and the figures are subject to revision on completion of the work.

However, the report is a most gratifying one, and shows how rapidly the manufacturing industries of Toronto are growing. To a visitor to Toronto the handsome buildings recently erected by manufacturing concerns, is a striking evidence of the prosperity of the city.

The increase is not alone confined to Toronto, for from all parts of the province and throughout the Dominion reports received show a steady growth in manufacturing industries.

The season's trade in all lines has been active, although the present week shows a falling off in the wholesale demand due to the approach of the holidays. In the drygoods line there have been fair sorting up orders, buyers picking up Christmas novelties, as well as sorting up their stock in some staple lines. Travellers' orders are fairly good, both for present requirements and for spring. The market for cotton fabrics is strong and there is some talk of advancing prices in the United States on account of the Government report of a short crop. The Canadian mills are running full time, and are refusing repeat orders for some lines.

In the metal market the trade is watching closely the action of coppers, which have shown considerable weakness recently. New York reports the market for pig iron quiet, copper dull, lead dull and tin steady. The share market has been affected by the reduction in the price of copper, amalgamated stock declining to the lowest price reached thus far.

The report that an arms factory was to be established in Canada is creating a great deal of talk in manufacturing centres. Such an establishment would exert an influence in the development of the mineral resources of the Dominion. Copper enters largely into the construction of arms, hence there will be a greatly renewed demand for that metal, which is becoming so plentiful in this country. Iron and steel will also be needed, and thus not only will the mines be drawn upon, but the manufacturers will find additional business coming their way.

R. G. Reid, president of the Newfoundland Railway, states that he does not think the Newfoundland Government will

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