

STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

At the time of the incorporation of Belleville in 1836, the population was about 1000. In 1861, according to the census returns it numbered 6227 inhabitants. No census has since been taken of the town, but it would be within bounds to state, considering the rapid progress made since 1860, that the present number of inhabitants is between 9000 and 10,000. If the town continues to progress in the same ratio, it will not be long before it will take its place among the cities of Canada: The following is a comparative return of the imports and exports of Belleville for the eight years ending December 30th, 1863 :

	<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
For the year 1856.....	\$305,843	\$342,771
“ 1857.....	203,515	265,516
“ 1858.....	169,428	592,239
“ 1859.....	187,794	289,726
“ 1860.....	172,949	400,008
“ 1861.....	173,955	291,594
“ 1862.....	150,279	276,225
“ 1863.....	126,224	391,799
	\$1,489,987	\$2,849,878

Showing a surplus of exports over imports in eight years of \$1,359,891.

Commencing with 1864, the fiscal year ended in June instead of in December, and the returns are accordingly made up for the first six months :

	<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Duty.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
30th June, 1864.....	\$ 33,091	\$4,531.09	\$ 70,199
“ 1865.....	101,050	7,131.79	319,730
“ 1866.....	127,038	8,598.82	550,217
“ 1867.....	145,583	16,228.58	597,510
“ 1868.....	150,178	18,428.52	532,129
	\$556,940	\$54,919.80	\$2,069,785

Showing a surplus of exports over imports in the four years and a half of \$1,512,645.