

It is perhaps allowable here to take a rapid survey of the regions most interested in the Treaty, which are, *firstly*, those beside the lakes, their natural outlet by the St. Lawrence and their artificial one by the Hudson; and, *secondly*, the North-Eastern States and Provinces.

The basin of the Lakes has, for the last two decades, presented a spectacle of material progress unexampled in the history of the world. Cities whose very names were not marked on the maps from which, as school boys, we learned geography, now count their population by tens of thousands; and the Atlantic seaport, to which their trade converges, already boasts of far more than a million of souls (*a*). Nor have the rural districts, admirably adapted by soil and climate for the support of a dense population, lagged behind. They have attracted an unprecedented tide of immigration, and on looking at the census (*b*) it would seem that a region must have

(*a*) The increase between the last two census of the chief cities on the lakes and their outlets is as follows:—

	POPULATION.		ESTIMATED.
	1850.	1860.	1865.
Milwaukee.....	20,061	45,246	70,000
Chicago.....	29,963	109,260	180,000
Detroit.....	21,019	45,619	60,000
Buffalo.....	42,261	81,129	100,000
Rochester.....	36,403	48,204	60,000
New York and Brooklyn.....	612,385	1,072,312	1,250,000
	1852.	1861.	
Hamilton.....	14,112	19,096	25,000
Toronto.....	30,775	44,821	50,000
Kingston.....	11,585	13,743	15,000
Montreal and suburbs.....	60,000	101,602	120,000

—From Census of United States and Canada. Estimates, from Reports of Boards of Trade, &c.

(*b*) The population of these States and of Canada is thus given in the official census reports:

	POPULATION.		ESTIMATED.
	1850.	1860.	1865.
Wisconsin.....	305,391	775,881	1,000,000
Michigan.....	397,654	749,113	900,000
Illinois.....	851,470	1,711,951	2,000,000
Indiana.....	988,416	1,350,428	1,500,000
Ohio.....	1,980,329	2,339,502	2,500,000
Pennsylvania.....	2,311,786	2,906,115	3,000,000
New York.....	3,097,394	3,880,735	4,250,000
	1852.	1861.	
Canada.....	1,842,265	2,507,657	2,900,000
To these should, perhaps, be added:			
Minnesota.....	6,077	172,023	250,000
Iowa.....	192,214	674,913	800,000