

while in 1890 it was 40.49, the decrease being about two per cent. among Protestants, about three-fourths of one per cent. among French-Canadians, and over one and two-thirds per cent. among other Catholics. Tabulated, the births and deaths show as follows for 1890:—

	Births.	Proportion per 1000.	Surplus of Births over Deaths.
French Canadians.....	6,357	51.59	25.81
Other Catholics.....	1,036	27.19	2.20
Protestants.....	1,279	23.25	5.06
	8,672	40.49	33.07
	Deaths.	Population.	Rate per 1000.
French Canadians.....	3,776	123,200	30.34
Other Catholics.....	816	38,090	21.42
Protestants.....	773	55,010	15.45
	5,365	216,300	24.80

The rate of increase of the births over deaths per 1000 were: French Canadians 20.94; other Catholics, 5.77; Protestants, 9.19. The deaths by sex were: males, 27.13; females, 26.52; total, 53.65. Of the deceased, there were 1072 married, widowers 182, widows 334, single 582, and children 3195 under 15 years.

The deaths by ages were: Under six months, 1347; from six months to one year, 638; from one to five years, 921; from five to ten years, 208; from ten to fifteen, 86; from fifteen to twenty, 136; from twenty to thirty, 337; from thirty to forty, 333; from forty to fifty, 287; from fifty to sixty, 265; from sixty to seventy, 302; from seventy to eighty, 305; from eighty to ninety, 168; from ninety to one hundred 32; total 5365.

Of the French-Canadians 60.91 per cent. died under 5 years, and 39.08 over that age. Of the other Catholics 38.72 per cent. were under 5, and 61.27 above; Protestants 37.51 under 5 years and 62.48 above. Of the total deaths 54.16 per cent. was under 5 years of age and 45.83 above.

A statement of the business of the Dominion post office savings banks on June 30, 1891, has been made. The amount of deposits for the year considered was not equal to that of 1889, but shows an increase over 1890, being for 1891 \$6,404,372, and for 1890 \$5,599,896. The number of banks in existence on June 30, 1891, was 634, as against 494 twelve months before. There were 147,672 deposits the past year, a decrease of 7,006 as compared with 1890. The withdrawals

were 84,963 in number and \$7,872,977 in amount in 1891, and 90,151 in number and \$8,575,041 in amount in 1890.

According to *Poor's Manual* of railroads in the United States, recently issued, the aggregate capital employed has increased from \$2,708,673,375 in 1880 to \$4,640,239,578 in 1890. The total assets held by the companies amount to \$10,697,817,239, and the surplus over all liabilities, including capital stock, to \$304,036,119. The total earnings in 1890 amounted to \$1,086,040,207, and the cost of operating to \$744,373,838, making the net earnings \$341,666,369. The mileage of the railroads in 1890 in the United States was 163,420 miles against 94,147 in 1880.

The census of the Dominion is somewhat disappointing, showing a smaller aggregate of population than was expected and a smaller ratio of increase since 1881. The total population in 1891 is found to be 4,823,344, as against 4,324,810 in 1881, an increase of 498,534, or 11.52 per cent. Manitoba leads in the increase with 148 per cent., followed by Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, combined, with 140.9 per cent., and British Columbia with 87.5 per cent. Ontario and Quebec each show about 9.5 per cent., while the Maritime provinces made only a nominal gain—1.17 per cent.

Here is what the *American Elevator and Grain Trade* of Chicago says about a matter of current interest:—

False statements have appeared in various journals relative to the trip of the whaleback steamer "Wetmore" to Liverpool with a cargo of wheat. It was not "the first cargo of grain shipped from the lakes without rehandling." Grain cargoes have been so shipped ever since the 60's. The "Wetmore's" cargo was rehandled before passing through the Welland Canal, the load being finally completed at Montreal. There is nothing remarkable about the trip of the whaleback. It costs as much now to ship grain to Liverpool as it did before. The fact is that laden vessels cannot ascend the St. Lawrence River, and the "Wetmore" will not come back to take another cargo from the Great Lakes. That steamer was built for ocean traffic, and the builders at Duluth had to send it there, cargo or no cargo.

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT OF THE CHARTERED BANKS IN CANADA. Comparison of Principal Items.

Assets.	31st July, 1891.	30th June, 1891.	31st July, 1890.	Increase and Decrease for month.	Increase and Decrease for year.
Specie and Dominion Notes.....	\$17,127,806	\$17,408,494	\$15,986,028	Dec. \$280,688	Inc. \$1,141,778
Notes of and cheques on other Banks.....	6,237,880	7,270,397	8,959,473	Dec. 1,032,517	Dec. 2,721,593
Due from American Banks and Branches.....	16,722,340	15,289,185	12,069,930	Inc. 1,433,155	Inc. 4,652,410
Due from British Banks and Branches.....	2,635,593	1,805,893	2,412,184	Inc. 829,700	Inc. 223,409
Canadian Municipal Securities other than Dominion.) Public Securities, and British, foreign etc.....)	6,299,900				
Railway Securities.....	3,751,030				
Loans on Bonds and Stocks, etc., on call.....	10,660,900				
Current Loans to the Public.....	184,566,971				
Overdue debts.....	2,808,271	2,841,072	2,586,378	Dec. 32,801	Inc. 221,893
Total Assets.....	268,261,328	269,491,153	254,648,943	Dec. 1,229,825	Inc. 13,612,385
Liabilities.					
Banks notes in circulation.....	30,579,968	31,379,886	31,167,628	Dec. 799,918	Dec. 587,660
Balance due Dominion Government.....	2,898,017	4,482,634	3,427,963	Dec. 1,584,617	Dec. 529,646
Balance due Provincial Governments.....	2,857,015	2,226,659	3,063,633	Inc. 630,356	Dec. 206,623
Deposits made by the public.....	143,565,858	142,633,216	131,265,753	Inc. 932,642	Inc. 12,300,105
Deposits payable on demand, etc., in other Bks. in Can.	2,516,157	3,280,999	2,857,665	Dec. 764,842	Dec. 541,508
Balances due to American Banks and Branches.....	222,350	141,340	109,321	Inc. 81,020	Inc. 113,039
Balances due to British Banks and Branches.....	2,912,774	3,841,322	1,696,783	Dec. 928,548	Inc. 1,215,991
Total Liabilities.....	186,582,729	188,337,504	173,935,855	Dec. 1,754,775	Inc. 12,646,874
Capital.					
Capital paid up.....	60,875,834	60,742,365	59,634,914	Inc. 133,469	Inc. 1,240,920
Reserve Fund.....	23,068,184	23,007,678	21,134,034	Inc. 60,506	Inc. 1,934,150
Directors' Liabilities.....	5,943,958	6,579,121	7,233,402	Dec. 635,163	Dec. 1,289,444

Deposits with Dominion Government for security of note circulation, being 2½ per cent. on average note circulation for past year, \$842,904.