

1891	\$218,384,934
1892	241,369,443
1893	247,638,620
1894	241,000,000
1895	224,420,485
1896	239,000,000
1897	257,168,862
1898	304,475,736
1899	321,661,213
1900	381,517,236

The foregoing shows that our commerce is advancing by leaps and bounds, and wherever there is trade there will be people ; so that it may reasonably be expected that between this and the next census our growth in population will be more satisfactory than it has been in the past decade. In 1841 our people numbered 1,538,500 ; in 1851, 2,380,988 ; in 1861, 3,182,416 ; in 1871, 3,635,024 ; in 1881, 4,324,810 ; in 1891, 4,833,239, and in 1901, 5,338,883. These figures show the respective increases in the last six decades to have been :

1841 to 1851	842,488
1851 to 1861	801,428
1861 to 1871	452,608
1871 to 1881	689,786
1881 to 1891	508,429
1891 to 1901	505,644

Although the population in 1841 to 1851 was not a third of what it now is, the increase was 337,000 more than it was in 1891 to 1901, due doubtless to the large immigration, which continued in the next decade, dropping off in the following ten years on account of our neighbors' war. Immigration was brisk between 1871 and 1881, but the permanent movement has materially decreased in the last twenty years, while many of our people have drifted away, who with growing times may reasonably be expected to return. We present two tables showing the comparative