

The following tables are taken from the Census Returns for 1851-'52 and 1861-'62 :

In 1811 the population of Upper Canada was.....	77,000
In 1841 " " " " .....	465,357
Increase in thirty years .....	388,357
Average increase per annum.....	12,945
or 16.81 per cent.	

From 1841 the increase as represented by the decennial returns is as follows :

Population in Upper Canada in 1841.....	465,357
" " " 1851.....	952,004
Increase in ten years .....	486,647
Average increase per annum.....	48,664
or 10.46 per cent.	
Population in Upper Canada in 1851.....	952,004
" " " 1861.....	1,396,091
Increase in ten years .....	444,087
Average increase per annum.....	44,408
or 4.66 per cent.	

Thus, according to Mr. Kemp's mode of reasoning, while the population of Upper Canada increased at the average rate of 16.81 per cent. per annum, for thirty years, from 1811 to 1841, and at the average rate of 10.46 per cent. per annum for ten years, from 1841 to 1851, it increased only at the average rate of 4.66 per cent. per annum for the ten years ending in 1861 ; being a difference of 12.15 in favor of the first period, and of 5.80 in favor of the second period, as compared with the increase in the last decennial period. These are " notable facts," proving " a marked arrest" in the progress of the population of Canada West. Yet notwithstanding, Mr. Kemp's reasoning to the contrary, the population has actually increased from 465,357 in 1841, to 1,396,091 in 1861.

The same test may be applied to the increase of the ministers in the Church from the beginning of its history, as appears from the following tables :

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Ministers on the roll in 1845.....	33	Ministers on the roll in 1849.....	60
" " " 1849.....	60	" " " 1853.....	87
Increase in four years .....	27	Increase in four years.....	27
Average increase per annum ....	6.75	Average increase per annum ....	6.75
or about 20 per cent.		or 11 per cent.	
Ministers on the roll in 1853.....	87	Ministers on the roll in 1857.....	124
" " " 1857.....	124	" " " 1861.....	158
Increase in four years.....	37	Increase in four years.....	34
Average increase per annum ....	9.25	Average increase per annum ....	8.50
or 10½ per cent.		or nearly 7 per cent.	

It must be borne in mind that the years from 1853 to 1857 were years of unusual prosperity in the country, and in which there were an unusually large number of settlements ; yet even this period is no exception to the general rule, that there is a gradual decrease in the percentage for each period of four years, the difference