

metropolis of Michigan. In 1870 Rochester's population was 62,386; in 1880 it was 89,366, an increase of a little over 43 per cent. In 1870 Buffalo's population was 117,714; in 1880 it was 155,134, an increase of a little over 31 per cent. In 1870 Detroit's population was 79,577; in 1880 it was 116,340, an increase of a little over 46 per cent. In 1871 Toronto's population was 56,092; in 1881 it was 86,415, an increase of a little over 54 per cent. So Toronto increased in population more rapidly than any of the neighboring American cities during the last decade. Its growth since 1881 has been even more extraordinary. A municipal census taken December 12, 1888, showed the population at that time to be 166,040, an increase of over 92 per cent. in less than eight years. About a week after the taking of the census the suburb of Parkdale, with about 6,000 inhabitants, was annexed, making the population of the city about 172,000. Including Parkdale, which is an outgrowth of the city since 1881, the per centage of increase is about 99 per cent. It should be noted, however, that the census of 1881 did not include the floating population, while that of 1888 included all who slept in the city the night before, but as there was nothing going on in the city at the time to attract strangers, it is probable that the floating population did not number more than 6,000, so that the actual increase was about 92 per cent. West Toronto Junction, Carleton, Davenport, Chester, and East Toronto, are thriving suburbs which have grown up around the city during the last five years, and if they were included the population of the city would probably be over 180,000; but it would not be fair to include them in calculating the increase since 1881, for suburban districts, which in 1881 had about the same population as that of these new suburbs at present, have been annexed since 1881. In 1881 Toronto's taxable property was assessed at \$56,286,039; in 1888 it was assessed at \$113,183,828, an increase of over 101 per cent. Chicago, the marvel of the United States, only increased in population 68 per cent. during the ten years between 1870 and 1880. Boston is nearer to Montreal than any other large American city, and it is one of the most important cities of the Republic. In 1870 Boston's population was 250,526; in 1880 it was 362,839, an increase of over 44 per cent. In 1871 Montreal's population was 107,225; in 1881 it was 140,747, an increase of a little over 31 per cent. Since 1881 the increase in Montreal has been much more rapid than ever before. In the year 1886 the assessors took a census which showed the population to be 186,000, an increase of over 32 per cent. in five years, but the assessors admitted at the time that they had not secured full returns. The general opinion is that the population is now about 225,000. According to assessors' returns, which are usually below the