

£317,000, or 16 times that of our own Census up to the present time, and all this exclusive of printing the Census when compiled; and includes that merely of a few Abstracts called for, from time to time, by Congress, and the Report above alluded to of about 150 pages. The Census Superintendent also states that there will still be required a sum of £37,500 *solely* to pay Clerks and Office expenses, before the completion of the work.

At no time has the number of Clerks in this Office exceeded eleven, and but for a short time did they perform extra work. At this time the number is reduced to four. The whole expense of the work *up to the present time* is about £20,000, of which £14,772 was paid to the Commissioners and Enumerators; £912 for postages up to the 8th Sept. last, and £872 for printing to the same date. The Office expenses have, as compared with those of other countries, been very moderate.

It will be seen from the above Report, that the cost of the United States Census, up to the 1st December, 1851, had been £1 10s. 7d. per 100 individuals, whilst that of Canada, up to the present time, has not reached £1 2s. 3d. per 100 individuals.

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The experience of the Office shews that several alterations may be made in the various columns of the Schedules, which, whilst rendering the Returns more complete, will, at the same time, save much labour in their analyzation in the Office, and some of these changes are so important that it may be well to note them in this place.

Under the head of "Lands" there should be two additional columns, one for the land "under fallow" and one for the Agricultural Implements possessed by each land-owner. The first is necessary in order to complete the subdivision of the total land "held" or "under cultivation," as without such a column the sum of the divisions cannot be equal to the whole.

The column for value of Implements would also afford a desirable source of information, not only as shewing the amount of that description of personal property, but as enabling the public in a future Census, to compare the progress in this most important criterion of industrial wealth.

That Farm Implements and Machinery form a very important item in the wealth of a country, it may be observed, that in the late Census of the United States, of which Abstracts are published, the columns for these two items shew the large amount of \$151,569,675 being 6s. 4d. currency per each acre of "improved" land. The extent under this denomination in the whole Union, (32 States and 4 Territories,) being, as per page 85 of the Census Superintendent's Report, 118,457,622 acres.

In Upper Canada the value of Implements would probably be more than equivalent to this amount, as there is no Farmer possessing 100 acres of cleared land, who has not more than 130 dollars worth of implements, waggons, ploughs, drags, threshing and winnowing machines, &c., &c.