

Literary.

Ten Years' Progress in Canada.

THE CENSUS OF 1871.

THE Official Census of the Dominion of Canada was last taken in 1871. Some exceedingly interesting facts, based on this enumeration, have been published this year, by John Costley, Esq., of Halifax, Secretary of Statistics. A comparison of these facts with the Census Reports of 1861, shows the rapid growth that our young country has made during the last decade in material wealth, population, commercial progress, and religious advancement. The design of this article is to call attention to a few of these facts,

Territorially.

On the morning of the first day of July, 1867, the booming of cannon, the pealing of bells, the displaying of banners, and the observance of a general holiday, proclaimed the consummation of the Confederation Act. On that day the important Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were joined to the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and the whole dignified with the title of the "Dominion of Canada." Without the shedding of a drop of human blood, a new Empire sprang into existence, and a nation was "born in a day!" The subsequent accessions of territory have been of yet vaster magnitude. Prince Edward Island on the East, British Columbia on the West, and the great North-West, now combine with the Provinces above named, to lay in the northern part of America, the foundation of an Empire greater in area than the United States, vaster than the continent of Europe, with room in it to sustain two hundred millions of human beings.