

Statistical Information.

Municipal Returns for 1866.

(From Miscellaneous Statistics of Canada.)

Statement of the Assessed Value of Real Estate and Personal Property, and the Expenditure for Educational purposes in the Cities and Towns of Ontario, for the year 1866.

CITIES.	Assessed value of Real Estate.	Assessed value of Personal Property.	Expenditure for Educational purposes.
Hamilton	\$ 7,833,100	\$ 3,189,533	\$25,922
Kingston	4,055,050	910,100	10,055
London	4,593,400	1,162,600	11,886
Ottawa	3,543,716	569,616	9,071
Toronto	18,776,616	4,521,433	23,004
Total	\$38,801,882	\$10,353,282	\$79,938
TOWNS (separated from Counties.)			
Belleville	\$ 2,261,816	\$ 213,250	\$ 5,774
Brockville	1,079,966	64,700	3,735
Cobourg	1,275,883	40,600	3,957
Port Hope	1,069,290	53,800	6,201
Peterborough	975,569	217,805	2,442
St. Thomas	859,712	38,700	995
St. Mary's	801,052	50,000	2,800
Total	\$ 7,823,286	\$ 685,531	\$25,904
TOWNS (not separated.)			
Amherstburg	\$ 268,650	\$ 29,033	\$ 1,500
Barrie	259,758	11,100	2,001
Berlin	299,260	37,680	2,250
Bowmanville	702,771	105,000	1,800
Brantford	125,489	19,722	5,911
Chatham	1,081,250	720,252	2,775
Clifton	419,783	52,800	900
Collingwood	251,566	4,800	1,377
Cornwall	431,833	416,884	1,366
Dundas	798,383	111,600	1,115
Galt	578,480	110,160	4,307
Goderich	716,870	28,800	4,301
Guelp'h	1,659,783	279,166	6,889
Lindsay	664,499	44,200	1,574
Milton	220,283	14,600	1,726
Niagara	242,630	40,056	1,184
Orkville	406,450	13,800	1,290
Oshawa	510,166	74,433	2,187
Owen Sound	653,500	121,000	3,157
Paris	43,351	5,370	2,205
Perth	630,300	12,646	2,800
Pictou	532,550	42,533	900
Prescott	637,100	37,600	1,300
Sandwich	195,033	143,333	1,100
Sarnia	606,288	137,033
Simcoe	359,950	65,233	3,000
Stratford	392,155	29,900	2,276
St. Catharines	2,883,133	467,950	3,583
Whitby	237,480	32,100	3,402
Windsor	969,000	74,100	3,500
Woodstock	714,528	61,083	2,000
Total	\$17,992,272	\$ 2,853,967	\$75,676

Real Estate and Personal Property.... \$20,846,239

Area, Population, and Acres disposed of in Upper and Lower Canada, to Dec. 31, 1866.

		Area in square Miles.*	Acres surveyed to Dec. 31st.	Acres disposed of by sale and free grant, to Dec. 31.	Estimate population, Dec. 31.†
Upper Canada.	1864	121,260	24,629,714	21,026,204	1,656,002
	1865	"	24,756,159	21,483,842	1,722,802
	1866	"	25,031,533	21,746,655	1,805,037
Lower Canada.	1864	210,920	25,197,207	18,897,260	1,226,840
	1865	"	25,565,678	19,039,355	1,257,480
	1866	"	25,871,502	19,234,734	1,288,334

Miscellaneous.

The Introduction of Coal into England.

When this fuel was first introduced into England, the prejudice against it was so strong that the Commons petitioned the Crown to prohibit the "noxious" fuel. A royal proclamation having failed to abate the growing nuisance, a commission was issued to ascertain who burned coal within the city and its neighborhood, and to punish them by fine for the first offence, and by demolition of their furnaces if they persisted in transgression. A law was at length passed making it a capital offence to burn coal in the city of London, and only permitting it to be used in the forges in the vicinity. Among the records in the Tower, Mr. Astle found a document importing that in the time of Edward I, a man had been tried, convicted and executed for the crime of burning coal in London. It took three centuries to entirely efface the prejudice.

A Curious Commercial Custom.

On the 10th of March, 1852, a singular old custom was revived in Hamburg. When the Exchange was thronged at high noon, two of the city drummers appeared in uniform before the entrance and beat a roll ten minutes long. Then over the great door of the Exchange they suspended a black tablet inscribed with the name of a bankrupt merchant who had absconded. When this was done the bell in one of the towers—the bell of shame—rang for two hours. The tablet remains for three months and a day. In many German cities the bankrupt, as a sign of his condition, is compelled to wear a straw hat for a year and a day.

"Catching a Tartar."

The origin of this expression, as nearly as we can remember, is somewhat as follows: In the days when the soldiers of Christendom were doing battle against the Tartar hordes, who were enlisted on the side of the Turks, a Dutchman, fighting valiantly on the side of the Cross against the Crea-

* As the northern and western boundaries have not yet been surveyed, these areas are only approximate.

† Not including 306,997 acres, chiefly in the Gaspé Oil District not laid off into farm lots.

‡ Estimated on ratio increase from 1852 to 1861, U.C., 4.34 per cent.; and L.C., 2.60 per cent.]