

enterprising efforts of one or more private individuals. Men of the highest public spirit recognize this important fact, that to assume a pessimistic attitude with regard to the future of their city is a sure way of hindering its progress. There have always been in every great community a small handful of growlers, or conservative obstructionists—men, who have gone through life continually looking upon the dark side of the picture—and whatever city they may hail from, they distinguish themselves by opposing all healthy reform and every movement started for the welfare of humanity. But their voice soon becomes very feeble, until at last it is drowned by the enthusiastic energy of those who are wide awake to the real and best interests of their city.

Population and Geographical Position of Toronto.

Toronto is undoubtedly fast becoming in every respect a great city; with a unique geographical position, it has all the conditions necessary for the maintenance of a large population.

It has been recently said: "The best method of supporting the theory that Toronto will continue to develop rapidly for many years to come is, perhaps, to tell what has been her rate of growth, and show that the causes which occasioned it are still, and must continue to be active, with regularly increasing force, until her tributary country is fully developed. Three years ago a conservative estimate gave her a population of nearly 123,000, the increase in the preceding six years having been about 63,000, or at the rate of 10,500 per year. Toronto now has 215,000 inhabitants."

A writer to the *Empire* has well said that "Toronto's progress is a wonder and an astonishment to all; we are as certain to have a population of half a million when we pass out of the present century, as that the sun will rise and set every day. The president of the greatest railroad in the world tells us that in less than twenty years Toronto's population will be 1,000,000."

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