

cultural pursuits is shown in the general returns of the Census, where it is seen that, while the total area in acres of the pasture lands have increased between the years 1871 and 1881 in the four older provinces of the Dominion by 17 per cent., the total area of improved lands has reached an increase of 20 per cent. Another proof that every known broad fact, in regard to the material conditions of the country, is accurately substantiated by the general results of the Census; and when the grand results have attained such degree of exactitude which can be expected, from the nature of things, the details cannot be wrong, as a rule.

These critics, the work of whom I have briefly reviewed in what they represent as the most egregious blunders, these critics, who evidently would be delighted if the Census was really badly executed, these critics have virtually brought forward a most emphatic proof of the practical accuracy and reliability of the Census they have assailed.

After such a diligent search, animated by such a craving for errors, to have come to such a failure as to pick up few, very few errors, indeed, or possible errors of no general consequence, and an array of supposed errors of the Census which, in reality, are blunders on the part of the critics themselves, is certainly a result well calculated to please those who have had something to do with such a vast undertaking, and to enhance public confidence in one of our most important state documents.

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