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INTRODUCTORY.

In presenting this volume of the **TORONTO DIRECTORY**, we take much gratification in calling the attention of the public to the increase in growth of the City since the last issue of 1883.

We continue to give the names appearing in each year's book for the last ten years, to enable one to see at a glance the steady increase of the population and the consequent importance of the City :—

Year.	Names.
1875.....	18,210
1876.....	16,929
1877.....	18,979
1878.....	19,354
1879.....	20,226
1880.....	21,919
1881.....	23,166
1882.....	23,879
1883.....	33,592

For the year **1884** we find by actual count **36,359** names, an increase over 1883 of **2,767**; this increase represents an additional population of **8,301**. To account for so large an increase we would mention that Yorkville having been taken into the City as a Ward (St. Paul's), accounts for about 4,000, so that the actual growth of the City during the year just passed shows the healthy number of over 4,000 souls.

In the compilation of this edition, we have endeavored to surpass all previous efforts, and have spared neither pains or expense to make it a creditable production and a fitting representation of the City's importance in the many parts of the globe where copies of this work are sent.

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