

Trade Statistics.

The appended table of trade statistics for the past fifteen years will serve to make clearer the nature of the cumulative progress of this colony during that period :

Year.	Imports.	Exports.	Total Trade.
1895-6	\$5,986,861	\$6,638,187	\$12,625,048
1896-7	5,838,334	4,925,789	10,864,123
1897-8	5,188,863	5,226,933	10,415,796
1898-9	6,311,245	6,936,315	13,247,560
1899-0	7,407,147	8,627,576	16,024,723
1900-1	7,746,503	8,859,978	16,606,481
1901-2	7,836,685	9,552,524	17,389,209
1902-3	8,479,944	9,976,504	18,456,848
1903-4	9,448,664	10,381,897	19,830,561
1904-5	10,279,293	10,669,342	20,848,635
1905-6	10,414,274	12,068,276	22,500,550
1906-7	10,626,040	12,101,161	22,727,201
1907-8	11,016,111	12,315,769	23,331,880
1908-9	11,402,737	11,848,913	23,251,650
1909-0	12,500,000	13,300,000	25,800,000

"THE GOLDEN AGE."

During the fifteen years, while there has been an increase of probably fifteen per cent. in the population, the increase in the earnings of the people has been 100 per cent. The past ten years of the period have been the "golden age" of the colony's history, a circumstance due to the railway policy and to the statemanship of the late Sir William Whiteway, who conceived and carried out the project for having the late Sir Robert Reid, of Montreal, construct the railway line and then operate it. The subjoined table, showing the surplus revenue each year, will make this clearer :