

great want of knowledge of facts with regard to the relative increase of population in Canada and Illinois, and is calculated to mislead his readers. Mr. C., says "Canada West is richer than Canada East, and it is more populous, but there is a richer Territory still farther west, where labour is yet more productive, and, though in the present state of the country the risk of health is greater, it is ten times more populous, for men push on to the land in which they can most quickly and easily earn an independence."

What will Mr. Caird himself say when he is told that Canada West has increased in population in a much greater ratio than his favorite State of Illinois.

By the United States census of 1850, it appears that the three states of Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois, contained in 1830, 1,126,851, and in 1850, 3,505,000; a little over 320 per cent. in 20 years. Canada West contained in 1830, 210,437; in 1850, 791,000, which is over 375 per cent. for the same period of 20 years, so that the increase in these choice states was 55 per cent. less than that of Canada West during the same time. Some of our Counties in Canada West, viz.: Huron, Perth, and Bruce, have increased 571 per cent. in ten years.

Comparing the last decade of Canada West with that of the United States, we find that the increase during the ten years, from 1840 to 1850, was 35.27 per cent., whilst that of Upper Canada was 104.58 per cent.

We have had no census in Canada since 1851-52, but there is every reason to believe that the ratio of increase, not including immigration, has continued very much the same, and there is a *certainly* that Mr. Caird's representation as to comparative increase of population in Illinois is entirely *erroneous*. Immigration to the United States has fallen off quite as much in proportion as that into Canada. The statement that an independence can be more quickly and easily earned in Illinois than in Canada West, is simply a delusion, and has been frequently proved by the return of settlers, who, like Mr. Caird, were attracted by the more inviting appearance of prairies to old country eyes. But as Mr. Caird has given a Dr. and Cr. for Illinois, at page 89, I will give a similar one for Canada. Let old country capitalists who can command the required sum, (say £750 stg.) diligently compare the two, and keep in mind the permanent difference in the quality and prices of produce, and the healthfulness of Canada, and the choice between the two will be no difficult matter to decide, even in the matter of dollars and cents, without alluding to our British Constitution, our British feeling, our British tone of morality, our British social atmosphere, &c., which Britons always appreciate more highly after a short residence in the United States.

Mr. Caird thus gives the probable Dr. and Cr. of 100 acres of land for two years in Central Illinois.

Dr.

Cash price of 100 acres, sterling.....	£200 0 0
Contract price of fencing, breaking, sowing with wheat, reaping and threshing, and building a laborer's cottage and stable and shed.....	250 0 0
Capital invested in the purchase of four horses, implements, and harness.....	110 0 0
	£560 0 0
Second year, wages of two men, horse-keep, taxes and accounts.....	200 0 0
	£760 0 0

Cr.

First crop of wheat, 2000 bushels at 3s. 6d., £350, second crop, Indian corn, 5000 bushels, at 1s. 8d., £416.....	£766 0 0
Surplus after the second crop, besides the value of the land and stock.....	6 0 0

In Canada West the Dr. and Cr. are on the same basis. Taking 100 acres brought into cultivation, would stand thus:—

Capitalists can bring 100 acres into cultivation in Canada, as well as in the United States, although such a thing is seldom or never done that I am aware of.