

part to the disastrous fire in the City of St. John, which alone of the large cities has decreased in population. The largest numerical increase was in the City of Montreal, which had a population greater by 33,457 than in 1871, or 31 per cent. In Toronto the percentage of increase was much greater, 55½ per



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cent., and the numerical increase nearly as great, viz., 30,353. Montreal has now a population of 140,682, and Toronto 86,445, Hamilton 35,965, Ottawa 27,417, London 19,763. Quebec has 62,447, or 4½ per cent. more than in 1871; Halifax 36,102, or an increase of 22 per cent.; while St. John has 26,128, being a