

For 1881, the rate struck cannot be less than 1.91½. Many imagine that there has been a startling exodus from Ottawa, but this is not the case, as the following official figures demonstrate:—

POPULATION.			
	1878	1879	1880
Victoria Ward	2,332	2,417	2,582
Wellington Ward	7,041	7,574	7,237
St. George's Ward	4,337	4,278	4,252
By Ward	4,510	4,748	4,342
Ottawa Ward	5,566	5,008	5,912
Total.....	23,787	24,015	24,025

POPULATION AND VOTES BY WARDS FOR 1880.		
	Popu- lation.	Votes.
Victoria Ward.....	2,582	550
Wellington Ward	7,237	1,894
St. George's Ward.....	4,252	1,055
By Ward.....	4,342	954
Ottawa.....	5,612	1,050
Total.....	24,025	5,503

You may thus perceive that, small though it is, there has been an increase in population since 1878:

PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS.

With a view towards forming some estimate as to the amount of non-taxable property, ascertaining what it comprised and what revenue it would yield, I have prepared the following digest of exemptions:—

Educational Institutions, Normal and Model School not included	\$335,400
Churches	488,900
Charitable Institutions.....	196,900
Clergy exemptions.....	54,000
Carleton County property.....	154,000
Civil Service exemptions.....	700,000
City property	301,550
Ontario Government, Normal and Model School	145,000
Dominion Government, say	6,000,000
Personal property say.....	2,000,000
Total.....	\$10,425,750

EXEMPTIONS BY DENOMINATIONS.

	Protestant.	Roman Catholic.
Charitable institutions.....	\$ 57,200	\$139,000
Churches	317,300	171,600
Educational institutions.....	124,000	226,400
	\$498,500	\$537,700

In this calculation, I have not classed either the Normal or Model Schools or Collegiate Institute. To my mind, it is to some extent a case of being penny wise and pound foolish for those interested in real estate to take advantage of exemptions. All are mutually interested in the extension and