authority, its minerals are more numerous, and more abundant than exist in any other land; its has water courses wholly surpassing those of other nations in their value as navigable highways; it has probably, the soberest, most law-abiding, self-respecting, industrious and thrifty people under the sun. "Where are your poor?" exclamed an English visitor, who, after investigating the conditions of our factory workers, was amazed at the utter absence of such signs of poverty as abound in English industrial centres. Canada has poor, has a socially submerged stratum, has distress, no doubt, but, in no land is there a more general diffusion of the comforts of life, in none is the standard of living of home equipments so high, or so widely maintained, nor can any country vie with Canada in the magnificent, the almost profuse provision made for those needing temporary medical care or those so stricken as to be life long invalids.

The founding of such a nation calls for its birthday being celebrated. To forget such an event would be an affront to Providence, it would argue dishonourable indifference to those past records, which are a source of national pride as they have been of vitality, indifference also to those present conditions that constitute our national strength.

Let us present a statistical exhibit of the development of Canada since it was united.

TABLE SHOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, AFTER CONFEDERATION IN 1867.

	1903.	1899.	1894.	1889.	1884.	1879.	1874.	1868.
Population	5,600,000	5,200,000	5,000,000	4,800,000	4,374,000	4,280,000	3,500,000	3,400,000
Revenue	$ 66,037,068	$ 46,741,250	$ 36,374,000	$ 38,782 800	$ 31,861,900	$ 22,517,300	$ 24,2[illegible]5,100	$ 13,687,900
Imports	241,214,900	162,764,300	123,474,900	115,224 900	116,397,000	81,964,400	128,213,500	73,459,600
Exports	226,153,400	158,896,900	117,524,900	89,189,167	91,406,400	71,491,200	89,351,900	57,567,800
Total Foreign Trade	467,368,300	321,661,[illegible]00	240,999,800	204,414,067	207,803,400	153,455,600	218,565,400	131,027,400
Railways in Operation	Miles 18,868	Miles 17,250	Miles 15,627	Miles 12,628	Miles 9,576	Miles 6,484	Miles 2,642	Miles 2,269
Earnings	83,666,502	62,243,784	49,552,528	42,149,615	33,421,705	19,925,066	16,286,898	12,116,716
Chartered Banks.								
Capital Paid up	78,801,319	63,674,085	62,112,883	60,236,451	61,443,397	64,159,427	60,443,445	30,289,048
Circulation	57,857,174	41,513,139	31,166,003	32,207 144	30,449,410	19,286,103	27,904,563	9,350,646
Deposits	454,365,900	266,504,528	181,743,890	134,650,732	102,398,228	73,151,425	77,113,754	33,653,594
Discounts	428,446,590	251,467,076	204,124,939	149,958 980	130,490,053	113,485,108	131,680,110	52 299,050
Assets	684,879,573	412,504,768	307,520,020	173,029,602	219,998,642	173,548,490	187,921,031	79.860,976
P. O. Savings Bank Dept.	44,255,326	34,771,605	25,257,868	23,011,422	13,245,552	3,105,190	3,204,965	204,588
Other Savings Banks	39,000 000	31,300,000	30,700,000	30,612,000	24,810,000	11,600,000	12,816,000	4,853,000
Total Deposits	537,621,226	332,576,133	237,701,658	188,274,154	140,453,780	87,856,615	93,134,719	38,711,182
Vessels Inwards	.....	Tons 6,733,150	Tons 5,775,800	Tons 4,611,300	Tons 4,250,600	Tons 3,049,500	Tons 3,077,900	Tons 2,104,000
" Outwards	.....	Tons. 6,503,900	Tons 5,504,700	Tons 4,685,200	Tons 4,233,600	Tons 3,039,000	Tons 2,973,300	Tons 2,215,300
Letters and Cards Posted	276,059,000	113,234,506	107,145,000	92,668,000	66,100,000	43,900,000	39,358,500	18,100,000
Postal Revenue, Net	4,366,127	3,182,930	2,809,341	2,220,503	1,712,318	1,117,264	1,151,269	808,857
Deposits per Head	$96.00	$64.00	$47.50	$39.20	$32.00	$20.50	$26.60	$11.30
Insurance.								
Life Co. Premiums	18,243,099	13,038,707	9,909,275	8,224,845	4,132,318	2,606,757	.....	.....
Fire Co. Premiums	5,866,052	5,182,038	4,589,363	2,876,211	3,245,323	2,145,198	1,926,169	1,027,720
Total Expenditure by Government on Railways and Canals, 1867 to 1902	361,902,835	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....