

## THE GROWTH OF CANADA.

Contrary to the dark predictions of the Conservatives Canada has enjoyed unprecedented prosperity since the advent of a Liberal government. In fact, the results are so astounding that few people seem to realize the full measure and meaning of what has taken place within the short period of four years past.

Take first the foreign trade of Canada, which touches the interests of all classes in every part of the Dominion :—

### CONSERVATIVE PERIOD.

|                          |      |      |               |
|--------------------------|------|------|---------------|
| Total trade in 1878,     | .... | .... | \$172,405,454 |
| " " 1896,                | .... | .... | 239,025,360   |
| Increase in 18 years,    |      |      | \$66,619,906  |
| Average annual increase, |      |      | 3,700,000     |

### LIBERAL PERIOD.

|                          |      |      |               |
|--------------------------|------|------|---------------|
| Total trade in 1896,     | .... | .... | \$239,025,360 |
| " " 1900,                | .... | .... | 381,625,855   |
| Increase in 4 years,     |      |      | \$142,600,495 |
| Average annual increase, |      |      | 35,500,000    |

That this immensely increased volume of trade has carried with it an increase of capital in the country is apparent from the bank returns. The deposits of the people in the chartered and Government Savings Banks, quite apart from those in the other savings banks of the Dominion, have grown as follows :—

| DATE.            | Chartered Banks. | Post Office and Gov. Savings Banks | TOTAL.        |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| June 30, 1894,.. | \$174,930,936    | \$43,036,012                       | \$217,966,948 |
| June 30, 1895,.. | 180,664,121      | 44,450,498                         | 225,114,619   |
| June 30, 1896,.. | 183,769,992      | 46,799,318                         | 230,569,310   |
| June 30, 1897,.. | 201,141,668      | 48,934,975                         | 250,076,663   |
| June 30, 1898,.. | 227,063,343      | 50,111,118                         | 277,174,461   |
| June 30, 1899,.. | 258,402,340      | 50,241,715                         | 308,644,058   |
| June 30, 1900,.. | 280,789,941      | 51,562,908                         | 332,352,849   |