

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
			\$66,619,906
Increase in 18 years,	....		3,700,000
Average annual increase,	....	

LIBERAL PERIOD.

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

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