

THANKSGIVING DAY, 1901.

The dedication of one day in each year to the duty of National Thanksgiving rests upon a conviction that the Supreme recognizes communities in their corporate relations as well as He takes note of individuals in their personal capacities. To believe in a Divine Ruler whose oversight is so limited as to render communal relations and national organizations invisible to Omniscience is possible, for man seems able to believe the impossible. Indeed, a great divine said he believed a certain dogma because it was impossible. But, those who accept the Scriptures as a divine relation know that the divine economy deals with nations as organic units.

It is then very meet, right and our bounden duty as Canadians to offer a service of Thanksgiving in the name of our country for the blessings so abundantly showered by Providence upon this Dominion. What we have to be thankful for as a nation would need a volume to narrate. There is not on the face of the earth, nor has there ever been a community so perfectly contented with its lot, its conditions, its prospects, as the people of Canada.

On this page will be found a table compiled from official sources showing the expansion of the trade and financial resources of Canada since Confed-

eration. This exhibit of the nation's development justifies national pride and inspires national hopefulness. Peace and plenteousness are the characteristics of our country. These supreme, national blessings inspire gratitude to the Giver of all good, which finds expression in Thanksgiving Day, whereon we find it "a pleasant thing to be thankful."

AN AMALGAMATION CANDID.

The recent amalgamations of insurance companies seem to have set certain imaginative persons on the look-out for companies they consider likely to join their fortunes, or misfortunes together. Having picked out a pair they, in several instances, have started a rumour that these companies are considering amalgamation, or arranging for it, or have consummated the union. The latest couple they fixed upon, as about being fused, consisted of the Scottish Union and National and the North British and Mercantile. In reply to an enquiry, Mr. Duncan, general manager of the Scottish Union and National, has cabled, "Rumours of amalgamation with North British or any other company utterly without foundation." Mr. Brewster, Hartford, United States, manager of the Scottish Union and National, has also denounced the rumour as utterly false. Whoever started this mendacious report showed poor judgment in his selection of companies.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANADA, FROM 1867 TO 1900.

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YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	POSTAGE.		SHIPPING.		IMPORTS.		EXPORTS.
			Number of Letters.	Number of Newspapers.	Inwards.	Outwards.	Total value.	Total value.	Produce of Canada.
					Tons.	Tons.			
1868.....	\$ 13,687,928	\$ 13,486,092	18,100,000	18,860,000	2,104,009	2,215,312	73,459,644	57,567,888	48,504,899
1869.....	14,379,174	14,039,084	21,920,000	18,700,000	2,459,083	2,537,482	70,415,165	60,474,781	52,400,772
1870.....	15,512,225	14,345,509	24,500,000	20,150,000	2,608,519	2,476,354	74,814,339	73,573,490	59,043,590
1871.....	19,335,560	15,623,081	27,050,000	22,250,000	2,521,573	2,594,460	96,092,971	74,173,618	57,630,624
1872.....	20,714,813	17,589,468	30,600,000	24,400,000	2,989,794	2,956,911	111,430,527	82,639,663	65,831,083
1873.....	20,813,469	19,174,647	34,579,000	25,480,000	3,032,746	3,052,789	128,011,281	89,789,922	76,538,025
1874.....	24,205,092	23,163,317	39,358,500	29,000,000	3,077,987	2,973,374	128,213,582	89,351,928	76,741,997
1875.....	24,648,715	24,000,000	42,000,000	31,300,000	2,521,134	2,808,074	123,070,283	77,886,979	69,709,823
1876.....	22,587,587	24,488,372	41,800,000	38,549,000	2,972,459	2,938,305	93,210,346	80,966,435	72,491,437
1877.....	22,659,274	23,519,301	41,510,000	39,000,000	3,395,987	3,395,987	99,427,962	75,875,393	68,030,546
1878.....	22,375,011	23,503,158	44,000,000	39,736,412	3,341,465	3,342,919	93,081,787	79,323,667	67,989,800
1879.....	22,517,382	24,450,634	45,800,000	45,120,062	3,049,521	3,039,029	81,964,427	71,491,255	62,431,025
1880.....	23,307,406	24,850,634	48,170,000	48,170,000	3,487,735	3,278,979	86,489,747	87,911,458	72,899,697
1881.....	29,635,297	25,502,554	56,200,000	50,845,000	4,032,946	4,021,391	105,330,840	98,290,823	83,944,701
1882.....	33,383,455	27,067,103	62,800,000	58,450,000	3,933,152	4,003,410	119,419,500	102,137,203	94,137,657
1883.....	35,794,649	28,730,157	66,100,000	53,139,266	4,004,357	3,968,420	132,254,022	98,085,804	87,702,431
1884.....	31,861,961	31,107,706	66,100,000	55,989,532	4,250,665	4,233,636	116,397,043	91,406,496	79,833,098
1885.....	32,797,001	35,037,060	68,400,000	58,581,798	3,800,664	3,843,951	108,941,486	89,238,361	79,131,735
1886.....	33,177,040	39,011,612	61,064,054	61,064,054	4,026,415	4,018,156	104,424,561	85,251,314	77,756,704
1887.....	35,754,993	35,657,680	74,300,000	64,246,326	4,236,765	4,125,671	112,892,236	89,515,811	80,960,909
1888.....	35,908,463	36,717,495	80,200,000	66,798,591	4,623,506	4,574,297	110,894,630	90,033,000	81,382,072
1889.....	38,782,870	36,917,835	92,668,000	70,259,856	4,611,392	4,685,209	115,224,931	89,189,167	80,272,456
1890.....	39,879,925	35,994,031	94,100,000	70,983,121	5,215,476	5,112,809	121,868,241	96,749,149	85,257,556
1891.....	38,579,311	36,343,568	97,975,000	87,956,386	5,273,935	5,421,261	119,967,638	98,417,296	88,671,738
1892.....	36,921,872	36,765,894	102,850,000	88,142,651	5,475,999	5,276,975	127,006,068	113,963,375	99,032,466
1893.....	38,168,609	36,814,053	106,290,000	90,37,917	5,371,618	5,236,993	129,474,268	118,564,352	105,488,798
1894.....	36,374,693	37,585,026	107,145,000	190,546,181	5,775,810	5,504,726	123,474,940	117,524,949	103,851,764
1895.....	33,978,129	38,132,005	107,565,000	92,965,446	5,575,657	5,401,172	110,781,682	113,638,803	103,085,012
1896.....	36,618,591	36,949,142	116,028,000	96,301,711	5,895,360	5,563,464	118,011,508	121,013,852	109,707,805
1897.....	37,829,778	37,349,760	123,830,000	97,234,976	6,091,433	5,919,547	119,218,609	137,960,253	123,632,540
1898.....	40,555,738	38,832,526	134,975,000	110,957,241	6,365,802	6,219,683	140,323,053	164,152,683	144,548,662
1899.....	46,741,250	41,903,501	150,375,000	113,234,506	6,733,151	6,503,903	162,764,308	158,896,906	137,960,792
1900.....	51,029,994	42,975,280	178,292,500	113,418,771	7,262,721	6,912,400	189,622,513	191,894,723	168,972,306

† Including post cards.

‡ Including circulars, samples, patterns, &c.