

TEXTILE MANUFACTURES OF CANADA.

The census reports of the Province afford a very imperfect idea of the extent of the manufacturing operations carried on.

As regards the manufacture of cloth in Upper Canada, the following figures show the products in the years 1851 and 1861 :—

	1851.	1861.	
Flannel, yards.....	1,157,221	1,595,514	Inc. 38 per cent.
Linen, "	14,711	37,055	" 152 "
Fulled Cloth, yards....	531,560	497,520	Dec. 6 2-5 "

The products of cloth in Lower Canada were :—

	1851.	1861.	
Flannel, yards.....	856,445	1,231,975	Inc. 44 per cent.
Linen, "	929,249	1,021,443	" 10 "
Fulled Cloth, yards....	746,532	897,191	" 20 1-6 "

The products of the whole Province were :—

	1851.	1861.	
Flannel, yards.....	2,013,666	2,827,489	Inc. 40 2-5 per cent.
Linen, "	943,960	1,058,498	" 12 "
Fulled Cloth, yards,...	1,278,092	1,394,711	" 9 "

Woollens.—It is believed that no such aggregates of Flannel as those given in the census-reports have been manufactured in Canada in either of the years mentioned,—a more correct statement of that product would perhaps place it at about 600,000 yards. It is very probable that all Tweeds "in the flannel," (that is, undressed,) have been included under the head "Flannel," in the absence of a proper column for that class of goods.

A careful consideration of the working capacity of the woollen mills of Canada has led to the following estimate :—There are 88 mills in Upper Canada, the principal ones producing Tweeds of the finer descriptions. The value of Tweeds and Fulled Cloths manufactured in 1865 was \$1,902,000,—the equivalent being 2,926,154 yards. There are 31 mills in Lower Canada, which manufacture good ordinary Tweeds and Fulled Cloth. The value of the product in 1865 was over \$250,000,—the equivalent being 384,615 yards. No reference is made here to a large number of "custom-mills" in Canada, many of them scattered throughout the Lower Province.