

crops, and is superior to that of any other quarter of the North American Continent; such a country, peopled by a British race, must increase rapidly in wealth, population, and prosperity. We have seen the population of these colonies doubled within the space of thirty years. In 1841 the population of all Canada was only 1,007,272. Toronto, which in 1830 counted only 2866 persons, has now a population of 41,000; Ottawa, which in 1830 had only one hundred and forty houses, poor and mean, has now a population of 10,000. So it is with many other places. Montreal is a mighty and flourishing city. In many directions labour, comfort, independence, and civilization are extended and extending. The isolated log-hut of to-day becomes a good cottage to-morrow; the hamlet of this week a village next; and the village of this year a handsome town the next. This is the case everywhere in British Canada, and also in all the adjoining districts of the United States.

Imports
into
Canada.

In 1850 the imports into Canada from the United States were, 8,243,575 dollars, and in 1855 there were 18,720,344 dollars, or an increase of 129 per cent.

Resources
of Canada.

The land in Lower Canada is good and fertile, but the climate and winters are more severe than in the Western Province. But improvement and cultivation are silently going on, and both will increase in a double ratio in future. We have seen the increase of population in these provinces. In 1845 the trade between Canada and the United States could hardly be noticed. We have seen what it has become, and may confidently calculate upon some greater ratio of increase for the future. The lake commerce of Canada in 1845 was 40,000,000 dollars; it is now 200,000,000. This British lake trade employs 205,000 tons of shipping and 13,000 men. The surplus produce of the area of the great lakes basin cannot be less than 10,000,000*l.* yearly, and this produce doubles its value every four years. Canada has 3,000,000*l.* capital profitably vested in canals, and will soon have 18,000,000*l.* in railways. Her vast forests are mines of wealth—45,000,000 tons of fine timber, and 180,000,000 tons of inferior, can be found in the Ottawa district.

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