

MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT, 1865.

	Number of Rate-payers.	Number of Acres Assessed.	Assessed Value of Real Estate.
Upper Canada - - -	291,477	18,587,783	<i>Dols.</i> 232,782,016
Lower Canada - - -	200,919	13,148,069	162,407,965
TOTAL - - -	492,396	31,735,852	395,189,971

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.

	By Census of 1851.	By Census of 1860.
Wheat - - - Bushels	15,756,493	27,274,779
Other Grains - - - "	29,920,408	61,215,786
Roots - - - "	12,850,770	47,195,784
Hay - - - Tons	1,449,306	1,551,821
Butter - - - Lbs.	25,674,568	42,735,213
Wool - - - "	4,048,217	5,627,154
Horses - - - Number	385,290	626,196
Cattle - - - "	1,336,111	1,832,300
Sheep - - - "	1,697,633	1,853,054
Swine - - - "	829,290	1,062,401

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Taking Customs and Excise as the test of taxation, they have risen from 1 dollar 51 cents per head in 1851, to 2 dollars 2 cents per head in 1860; and the expenditure of the Consolidated Fund from 1 dollar 66 cents to 2 dollars 63 cents.

The means of the people to pay have increased in a much greater proportion. Thus, taking the produce of wheat and other grains as a test, the produce has risen from 24·8 bushels to 35·6 bushels per head of the population, or, otherwise stated, the taxation in 1851 was equal to 6·7 cents on every bushel grown, and in 1860, it was equal to only 5·6 cents. But even this does not show the whole case, because from the establishment of railways, which have created about half our debt, and the facilities of transport which they have afforded, all farm produce has risen in value, and in many of the remoter districts the farmer's selling price is more than double what it was in 1851, whilst he has now a market for many articles of produce which were almost unsaleable before.

The number of letters passing through the Post Office appears to have been in 1852, about two per head, in 1860 about 3·7 per head, and in 1865, rather more than four per head, showing a large increase of commercial activity in excess of the increase of the population.

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TREASURY MINUTE, dated 26 March 1867.

WRITE to Sir F. Rogers, for the information of the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, that my Lords have carefully considered the statements and arguments contained in his letter of the 23rd instant, and they have examined the statistics of the present income and expenditure of Canada, with a view to forming a judgment as to the ability of the Confederation to meet the increased charges which would be thrown upon its revenue by the loan to be contracted for the construction of the proposed railway.

Taking into consideration that the present debt of the United Provinces taken together is only about 5 l. per head of the population, being a lower amount than in any of the principal countries of Europe, with the exception of Prussia and