

In 1850 its population is thus $3\frac{1}{2}$ times (a trifle over) what it was forty years before, that of Upper Canada being in the same year close upon $8\frac{1}{2}$ times what Smith makes it in 1814 ; or over ten times its amount in 1811, as stated by the Board of Registration.

Not amiss this, we should think, for a country of whose *slow growth* so much is heard.

It is, however, towards the West the tide is flowing. Let us pass with it, and mark the results.

For the purpose of comparison we have chosen the States of Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois combined, chiefly for these two reasons; first, because they have been, we believe, among the most rapid in their growth—sufficiently rapid at all events to make the comparison fair for the West ; and secondly, because our statistics enable us to take in a longer period than we could have done in the case of some other States which we should also have been disposed to include.

Availing ourselves once more of the aid of our old friend “The World’s Progress,” we ascertain the united population of these three States to have been in 1810, 247,570—viz. Ohio, 230,760 ; Michigan, 4,528 ; and Illinois, 12,282. They stand as follows in 1850—Ohio, 2,200,000 ; Michigan, 305,000 ; and Illinois, 1,000,000 : in all 3,505,000, or fourteen one-sixth times their numbers, forty years before. This assuredly is a splendid increase; enough, and more than enough to justify the most glowing of the descriptions we hear of what the West is destined to become.

How will poor Canada West stand in comparison now ? Let us see.

As already observed the Board of Registration and statistics gives the population of Upper Canada as 77,000 in 1811. Between that and 1850, when it is set down at 791,000, there intervenes a period of 39 years, within which we have an advance of close upon thirteen times (twelve six-sevenths) to set over against fourteen one-sixth times in 40 years. Does not this bring them sufficiently near to prevent their despising one another ; to make them regard one another with respect and interest ?

Here, it will be observed, the statement of the Board of Registration is followed. Should it be objected that Mr. Smith makes the numbers larger in the earlier period, being unwilling to question the accuracy of that gentleman, who has evidently taken great pains to inform himself, and produced a work eminently reliable—

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