

Eighteen Years of Progress.

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British Columbia has just celebrated her admission to Confederation, eighteen years ago, and the *News Advertiser*, an enterprising daily published in the rapidly growing city of Vancouver, devotes a couple of columns to an interesting review of the great progress made in that time by the "sunset provinces of the Dominion." After a comparison of the condition of affairs prior to and subsequent to the Union, the writer sums up his observations in the following statistical contrast, which indicates the immense progress made by British Columbia during the past few years :

The population of British Columbia in 1871 was estimated at 36,000, exclusive of 30,000 Indians, and it is now placed at over 100,000.

In 1876 the value of the fish product, in round numbers, was \$100,000 ; it is now \$2,000,000.

The coasting trade in 1876, 125,000 tonnage, now 1,500,000 tonnage.

The exports in 1872 were \$190,000 ; now, \$350,000. Imports, 1872, \$180,000 ; now, \$3,600,000.

Duty collected in 1872, \$350,000 ; now, \$900,000.

Tonnage of vessels in and out, 260,000 ; now, 1,200,000.

Output of coal in 1874 was 81,000 tons ; in 1888, 500,000 tons.

The above figures could be multiplied greatly in detail, but a general outline will indicate pretty clearly the progress made.