

TRI-WEEKLY CIRCULATION
FOR WEEK ENDING
February 2nd, 1889.

Tuesday	1,110
Wednesday	1,346
Thursday	1,588
Total	4,044
Average	1,350

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AUSTRALIA AND CANADA.

The development of the trade and resources of Australia can very well be compared with that of Canada. At any rate Canada can not well object to the instituting of a comparison on the ground of geographical disadvantages. With sixty millions of people at her side, a purchasing power still further south, and the English market within a distance of two thousand seven hundred miles of Quebec, it will scarcely be said that the island of Australia, twelve thousand miles from the English market, seven thousand from the nearest city of our neighbors, and nearly seven thousand five hundred from Canada, should have market advantages which we in Canada cannot possess. Both are British colonies, practically under the same system of government, Australia being divided into provinces or colonies as was Canada before Confederation. Although not of the same age, Canada has the advantage of about half a century. In square miles we have also the advantage of our sister colony, in the possession of nearly one hundred thousand more. In soil and resources we are about equal, and in climate both are well favored.

A comparison of population and trade will be interesting, as showing how much truth, if any, there is in the Canadian cry of contention that our progress of late years is due mainly to the trade policy and the general administration of our government. It will be remembered that at the Montreal Board of Trade held last month, the members of government present, while referring to the wonderful natural advantages of our country, its wealth in lumber, minerals and fish, did not hesitate to imply that the system of protection adopted by the government contributed largely to the phenomenal progress in the development of our resources. The Australian colonies have not adopted the protective policy. New South Wales is entirely free trade colony; the other colonies have merely a small tariff for revenue purposes. Comparison of results will, therefore, be of some interest.

In 1840 when Melbourne, the chief city in Australia, had but a population of less than six thousand, Montreal, our metropolitan city, had about twenty-seven thousand, with a score of other towns throughout our country contributing to her prosperity.

With this year as a starting point, our chief city had an advantage, not only in the number of inhabitants, but in the support which it received from other centres, for Melbourne was practically without support in this respect. To-day, while our metropolis boasts of its achievements in growth, it is at present 200,000 souls, matched Melbourne with its 400,000. As to the Australian islands we have not in our possession just now any authentic record of its population in 1840, but it will be generally conceded that the smallest province in Canada had at that period a population outnumbering that of all Australia. In 1885, however, Australia could boast of a population of 3,285,710, while that of Canada numbered but about a million more, with an increasing rate infinitely less than that of our friends in the Antipodes.

But it is in the volume of business where the comparison is the most striking, and Australia's evidence of prosperity the most prominent. In 1885, the latest year for which we have returns, she imported goods to the value of \$315,922,635 and exported of her own products to the value of \$217,767,415. In one item alone, that of wool, Australia exported in 1885 more in value than Canada's entire exports, the value of the wool being something over ninety-nine millions of dollars. In minerals also she has made wonderful progress, developing, outstripping Canada altogether. In the article of coal alone, although we have larger regions of coal bed, her trade is considerably larger than that of ours. In breadstuffs, although of late years we make a good showing, Australia leads us considerably. Comparing the returns of our Northwest, our principal wheat producing district, for 1887, with the returns of their chief wheat producing colony, South Australia, for 1885, the latest we have at hand, we find that where the Northwest exported to the value of something over six million dollars, South Australia sent to the different markets of the world breadstuffs to the value of over ten millions. Even in the exporting of live stock our younger colony leads us. Victoria alone having exported in 1885 to the value of something over \$4,500,000.

There are only some of the lines in which Australia, as one of the world's competitors in the markets of the world, outstrips us completely; but enough has been enumerated to give an

idea of the property which our friends in the Antipodes must enjoy. It is to be noted that in no line in which Australia has taken an active interest does Canada lead.

Another point in favor of Australia is the continually increasing value of her land. A few weeks ago an article appeared in the London Christian World directing attention to this point. Here is an instance: A farming property had been purchased some miles out of Melbourne ten years ago for £2,000; last year, on the death of its owner, it brought at private sale a fraction over £11,000. This is in very striking contrast to the recent transfer of one of our best farms in this province, in Sunbury Co., a few months ago at \$4,000, the original price being \$6,000.

Another feature in Australian enterprise is the happy position of the workman. Untaxed, comparatively speaking, on the necessities of life, he finds living cheaper than in "proletarian" countries; and in addition to his high rate of wages is much higher than in Canada. As an instance: about four years or so ago, a young man, a carpenter in this province, and who, while here, earned but one dollar and a half a day the year round, secured permanent employment at his calling in Sydney at two dollars and fifty cents per day the year round. And not alone in carpentering, but in all lines of labor does this position of affairs exist. Only a month ago, Frederickton, N. B., a machinist hitherto employed in San Francisco and Chicago, left for Sydney on an engagement at a rate of wages fifty per cent. in advance of that paid in either of the two named cities of our neighbors.

It is not with the view of depicting Canadian enterprise and activity that we institute these comparisons. It is with the view of directing attention to the fact that while the party in power and its organs insist, that Canada, "under a system of protection is making phenomenal progress in the development of her trade and resources," she is lagging behind a free trade country, and a much younger country, in all the enterprises with which commerce can be made, and in the enterprises which, when well developed, mainly contribute to the prosperity of a country. Canada's development of her resources should have been far in excess of that of Australia; and her prosperity should have been proportionately great. Her advantages are two fold: that of the Antipodes to begin with, and well as possessing the wealth of mine, and the richness of soil of the Australian islands, she has in addition a wealth of forest and sea which Australia cannot boast of, and is favored with an unobstructed market for her various products. The voice of the cry is loud in praise of the natural advantages of Canada, "the most favored country under the sun." Why is not then these one of our most prosperous? Is not the answer found clearly in her trade policy, and in her attempt to build up an unnatural and superficial trade at the expense of a trade which should and would come from the experience of our Australian friends.

Canada.
Hon. Mr. Gillies to introduce a bill into the Quebec legislative council for the abolition of that body on a basis of indemnity of \$100,000 to each member thereof. Eleven out of 24 members of the council are already claimed for \$4,000.

Curry Bros. at Niagara Falls, with a score of other towns throughout our country contributing to her prosperity.

Language of the Unemployed.
We all know that there is a language of nature. Every sentimentalist, without being a botanist, is acquainted with the language of flowers. But it has remained for a recent writer to indicate the language of the unemployed. To place your umbrella in a rack indicates that it is about to change owners; an umbrella carried by the side of a man, the man getting ready to use it, indicates that it is about to change owners; an umbrella carried by the side of a man, the man getting ready to use it, indicates that it is about to change owners.

Manufacturers of Champagne Cakes.
Champagne cakes, which receive their peculiar shape only when driven by power into the bottles, are almost exclusively manufactured in Spain and France. Of late years they are often put together from differently selected small pieces, which are glued upon each other by a peculiar cement, making them the most deceptive and false of the world's products. The finest and softest grade of cork wood is rather scarce and very expensive; the manufacturers' price for the best quality of champagne cakes being about \$35 per 1,000. While the localities above mentioned comprise the most numerous factories, there are, of course, many others elsewhere. —New York Telegram.

Recording Speed of Trains.
The speed recorder for railway trains is an indicator may be placed in a passenger car, and the speed of the train at any time is shown upon its face. The connection is made with the motive engine by a steel strip. The cost of the instrument is about \$250. One was tried the other day on a train between Chicago and New York. There were brief times when the wheels of the car stopped, and then the indicator dropped quickly to zero, as the instrument is governed by the revolutions of the wheels. —Frank Leslie's Newspaper.

The Steeper Water than the Road.
It is strange, but true, that the laws of Connecticut favor the dishonest. If a man is dishonest and a slave, the law will send him to state prison for one year; if he steals a whole lot he will only get thirty days in jail. It is safer to steal than to be a slave. —New York Telegram.

A recent novelty in an invention designed to facilitate the manufacture of durable boot heels. By its use a heel of leather or rubber can be made with a solid body. It has also a novel device for pressing the leather into the appropriate form and for molding and working it.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

The Proceedings of the Past Two Days—Bills Presented.

Hon. Mr. Foster Submits the Estimates for 1889.

The Principal Appropriations for the Maritime Provinces.

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