

estimated census of 1861; while that of our southern neighbours, notwithstanding the unparalleled immigration to that country, and also the further fact, that there was *no emigration from it*, was only 22 per cent.

That period was indeed "the dark day of Canada;" but fortunately for the country, it was soon followed by the bright era of Confederation. And such have already been the happy results, that emigration to the United States has probably ceased altogether. We hear of no other emigration now than of that to Manitoba and our great North West. There is no country in the world that presents to the European emigrant finer prospects than the Dominion of Canada, with her millions of acres of the most fertile and cheap lands, a healthy climate, an unprecedented demand for labor of all kinds, and high wages, together with institutions and laws that are just, respected and obeyed.

The trying experiences through which we have passed should prepare us for estimating, at their proper value, the bright prospects that now lie before us—as the undisputed possessors of half a continent; and it is confidently hoped that, with the present vigorous policy of our several Emigration Bureaus, the census of 1881 will show the most satisfactory results.

COMPARISON WITH THE MUNICIPAL CENSUS.

As an addition to the article of Mr. Kingston the subjoined comparison of the population as shown by the Census taken by the Dominion Government in 1871 and that taken by the municipalities of the Province of Ontario in the same year may be found interesting.

The Census taken by the Government shows almost uniformly larger figures than that taken by the municipalities. This result, might of course, be looked for from the greater thoroughness with which the Dominion Census was taken. But it is to be remarked that the municipalities have no interest to understate their population; and this fact and the comparison afforded are well worth the consideration of those who he'd extravagant anticipations, and found themselves disappointed by the truth which was revealed by the figures of the Census of 1871.

The Census taken by the Municipalities has been held to be, in the several localities, an approximately correct statement of the population; and comparisons which have made, in many places, between it and the Dominion Census, have quite dispelled impressions, at one time entertained, that the enumeration of the latter was imperfect.

The following is the comparison:—

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the Population of the Province of Ontario as returned in the Census of 1871 and by the Municipal Clerks, for 1871.

Census Districts.	Census 1871.	Municipal 1871.	Per- centage excess of Census over Municipal.
Essex.....	32,697	27,242	20.02
Kent.....	26,836	22,568	18.91
Bothwell.....	20,701	15,103	37.06
Lambton.....	31,994	25,211	26.90
Elgin, W. & E.....	33,666	29,286	15.03
Middlesex, W., N. and E.....	66,769	50,495	32.38
London.....	15,826	15,315	3.33
Norfolk, S. & N.....	30,760	26,862	14.66
Oxford, S. & N.....	48,237	41,714	15.13
Brant, S. & N.....	32,259	25,904	26.06
Haldimand.....	20,091	19,180	4.74
Monck.....	15,180	12,794	18.25
Welland.....	20,572	17,302	18.89
Niagara.....	3,693	3,158	16.94
Lincoln.....	20,672	19,653	5.18
Wentworth, S. & N.....	30,883	26,794	15.66
Hamilton.....	26,716	26,716	0.00
Huron, S. & N.....	66,165	57,570	14.02
Perth, S. & N.....	46,586	42,271	10.08
Waterloo, S. & N.....	40,251	36,098	11.50
Wellington, S., C. and N.....	63,289	56,427	12.51
Grey, S. & N.....	59,395	54,114	9.75
Halton.....	22,606
Peel.....	16,369	14,413	13.57
Cardwell.....	16,500	14,289	15.47
Simcoe, S. & N.....	57,389	47,893	19.82
York, N., W. & E.....	59,382	47,110	27.11
Toronto, W. & E.....	56,092	54,736	2.46
Ontario, S. & N.....	45,890	41,583	10.35
Durham, W. & E.....	37,380	33,113	12.88
Victoria, S. & N.....	30,200	26,269	14.96
Northumberland, W. and E.....	39,086	32,191	21.41
Peterboro', W., E. and N.....	30,473	28,001	8.82
Prince Edward.....	20,386	17,502	16.19
Lennox.....	16,396	15,138	8.31
Addington.....	21,312	17,595	21.11
Frontenac.....	16,310	12,877	26.65
Kingston.....	12,407	11,281	10.17
Leeds, S.....	20,716	17,238	20.17
Brockville.....	10,475	9,352	12.—
Grenville, S.....	13,197	10,577	24.77
Leeds, N.....	13,530	10,897	23.97
Grenville, N.....	13,530	10,897	23.97
Dundas.....	18,777	16,500	13.80
Stormont.....	11,573	10,699	10.97
Cornwall.....	7,114	5,134	38.56
Glengarry.....	20,524	16,546	24.04
Prescott.....	17,647	15,039	17.34
Russell.....	18,344	15,227	20.47
Ottawa, City.....	21,545	21,595
Carleton.....	21,739	16,861	28.93
Lanark, S. & N.....	33,020	33,020
Renfrew, S. & N.....	27,977	24,006	16.54
Muskoka.....	5,400	3,717	45.27