

which figures are not given for 1881, of 68 per cent. The average rate of increase in population in all the cities and towns of the Dominion, according to the census of 1881, was 33·0 per cent. With the exception of Winnipeg and Vancouver, where the increase has of course exceeded all normal rates, the greatest progress has been made by Toronto, the population of this city having increased 123 per cent., and the assessment 144 per cent. In connection with this enormous increase, however, it must not be overlooked that the city has considerably extended its limits since 1881; but, nevertheless, its progress and that of the suburbs it has taken in have been remarkably great.

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94. In 1870 the population of Winnipeg, or as it was then called, Fort Garry, consisted of 215 souls. In 1874, when the city charter was secured, the population had reached 300; in 1881, by the census of that year, there were 7,985 inhabitants, according to the census taken in 1886 there were 20,238, and in the spring of 1890 it was estimated that there were upwards of 26,500 inhabitants. Rapid, however, as has been the progress of Winnipeg, the growth of the city of Vancouver, B.C., has been even more remarkable. In 1885, where the city now stands, there was a thickly wooded wilderness, with one solitary saw-mill; but when in that year it was decided to make the spot the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, hundreds rushed to the place and settlement began. In 1886 the town was completely destroyed by fire, not a house being left standing, but, before the fires were out, rebuilding had commenced. The city was incorporated on 6th April, 1886, when the population was about 700, in 1887 it had increased to 2,000, in 1888 (1st January) to 6,000, and it is now (1890) estimated at 14,000.