

country. The chief characteristics of the country's development during the decade 1881-1891 appears, from the returns of the census, to be, 1st, the upspringing of numerous small industries, and 2nd, the great increase in the large industries having an output of \$50,000 and upwards. With regard to the first, that was a characteristic of the country's growth in 1881, but not so marked a characteristic as was shown in 1891, ten years after. Fault has been found with the census of 1891 because so many industries employing one or two hands were taken. They were in the country. The enumerators had for their guidance the same definition as that placed in the hands of the enumerators of 1881 for their guidance. They would not have done their sworn duty if they had not taken these small industrial establishments.

The Statistical Branch of the Department of Agriculture exercised great care in compiling the returns of the enumerators, and cut out all very small industries, where the output, though making a large sum in the aggregate, was in each individual case evidently an adjunct to a regular occupation, rather than the occupation by which a livelihood was obtained.

270. For the purpose of presenting the results of the census of 1891 in as compact a form as possible, the industrial establishments have been grouped together, not with scientific accuracy, but with the design of bringing together in the groups such industries as are more or less allied to each other, so that comparison with similar groups, as obtained by the census of 1881, can be made.

These groups are arranged alphabetically for convenience, and give particulars of number of establishments, number of employees, annual amount of wages paid, and annual value of output.

## 271.—ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

INDUSTRY.	No. of Establishments.	Capital.	No. of Employees.	Wages.	Value of Output.
		\$		\$	\$
Cartridge-making . . . . .	4	610,000	273	85,597	492,555
Dynamite works . . . . .	2	4,000	3	1,500	9,500
Gunpowder mills . . . . .	7	406,925	152	68,350	547,000
Gunsmithing . . . . .	41	86,086	67	19,947	56,150
Census of 1891—Total . . . . .	54	1,107,011	495	175,394	1,105,205
Census of 1881—Total . . . . .	41	189,650	146	62,847	309,755

The chief change in the above is in cartridge-making, the Government having established a factory in Quebec in 1882.