

301. Groups 1 and 5 are the most interesting for the student. Group 1 contains the germ of future large industries. That there has been an increase so marked in this group is proof that: 1st, the large industries have not crushed out the small ones; and 2nd, that the activity of the people in the direction of mechanical and manufacturing industries is on the increase. In other words, that it pays a constantly increasing number of persons engaged in solving the problem of living, to turn to these pursuits. These are good signs of the healthiness of the body politic, and the diagnosis is confirmed by the fact that while in group 1, in 1881, the average output per establishment was \$646 a year, in 1891 it was \$635, an approximate so close as to show that nothing occurred during the ten years to prevent the development of these smaller industries.

302. Analysis of the largest group, No. 5, gives the following results:—

There were in 1891 in Canada 702 establishments having an annual output of from \$100,000 to \$500,000, and in 1881 there were 465. Of those with a yearly output from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, there were 44 in 1891, and 26 in 1881. Those with an annual output of over \$1,000,000 numbered 20 in 1891, and 10 in 1881.

The following table gives the number and province, being analysis of group 5:—

Province.	1 Total Establishments with output of \$50,000 and over.		Analysis of Column 1.			
			Establishments having output of \$50,000 to \$100,000		Establishments having output of \$100,000 and over.	
	1881.	1891.	1881.	1891.	1881.	1891.
British Columbia.....	13	59	9	41	4	18
Manitoba.....	17	39	12	23	5	16
New Brunswick.....	82	87	50	49	32	38
Nova Scotia.....	47	83	30	52	17	31
Ontario.....	568	916	316	493	252	423
Prince Edward Island.....	4	5	4	4	.....	1
Quebec.....	377	479	187	233	190	246
North-west Territories.....	.....	7	.....	4	.....	3
Total.....	1,108	1,675	608	899	500	776

The increase in the total number of establishments of all sorts and sizes in 1891, compared with 1881, was 52.8 per cent.

The increase in the number of establishments with an output of \$50,000 a year and over was somewhat over 51 per cent.

Thus, the largest establishments approximated very closely to the average increase.

The capital invested in all the mechanical and manufacturing industries increased in 1891 over 1881 by 115.0 per cent.

The increase in group 5 was 143.8 per cent.

The number of hands employed in all the industries taken in the census increased by 45.2 per cent.