

## THE CENSUS.

The population of the Colonies now comprised in the Dominion of Canada was, in January, 1861:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Upper Canada (now Ontario).....	725,575	670,516	1,396,091
Lower Canada (now Quebec).....	567,864	543,702	1,111,566
New Brunswick.....	129,948	122,099	252,047
Nova Scotia.....	165,584	165,273	330,857
	1,588,971	1,501,590	3,090,561
To this we must add, if we desire to shew the full strength of the British population in North America, at that date:—			
Prince Edward Island.....	40,880	39,977	80,857
Newfoundland (1857).....	65,118	59,170	124,288
British Columbia and Vancouver's Island.....	20,862	13,954	34,816
Rupert's Land, including the Red River Settlement.....	51,000	50,000	101,000
Total*.....	1,766,831	1,664,691	3,431,522

If we desire to know the population of the Dominion, and of all British North America at the present time, the safest method of calculation is to find the rate of increase of each colony between the census of 1861 and that last previous, and to suppose the same rate to have continued since 1861. Adopting this principle for Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, (where the rate of increase had been about 4.34 per cent., 2.50 per cent., 2.60 per cent., 1.82 per cent., and 207 per cent. per annum respectively) and making estimates for the rest, we have, as the population in January of 1868, and each successive year until 1871:—

	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.
Ontario.....	1,880,350	1,962,067	2,047,334	2,136,308
Quebec.....	1,321,074	1,354,067	1,387,884	1,422,546
New Brunswick.....	302,950	311,027	319,398	327,800
Nova Scotia.....	375,511	382,365	389,343	396,449
The Dominion.....	3,879,885	4,009,526	4,143,959	4,283,103
Prince Edward Island.....	93,338	95,272	97,246	99,261
Newfoundland.....	131,000	132,000	133,000	134,000
British Columbia.....	50,000	55,000	60,000	65,000
Rupert's Land.....	105,000	110,000	115,000	120,000
All British North America.....	4,259,223	4,401,798	4,549,205	4,701,364

If we desire to question the future still further, it will not be safe to pursue the same mode of calculation, for the progress of the older colonies will not be so rapid as it has been, while that of the younger will be greater. We may, however, with some pretension to probability, assume that the rate of progress of the population of all British America will be as rapid for fifty years or more as it has been for the past decade, and this would give as the population

In 1861.....	3,431,522	In 1921.....	22,694,000
1871.....	4,701,364	1931.....	31,092,000
1881.....	6,441,000	1941.....	42,598,000
1891.....	8,825,000	1951.....	58,361,000
1901.....	12,090,000	1961.....	79,957,000
1911.....	16,564,000	1971.....	109,540,000

\* The Indian population of all the Colonies is included in these figures, and was about as follows:—

Ontario.....	7,841	Brought forward.....	15,336
Quebec.....	4,876	Prince Edward Island.....	350
New Brunswick.....	1,212	Newfoundland.....	0
Nova Scotia.....	1,407	British Columbia and Vancouver's I. 23,000	
		Rupert's Land.....	80,000
Carried forward.....	15,336		118,686

The population of French origin was:—

Ontario.....	83,287	Brought forward.....	926,466
Quebec.....	847,320	Prince Edward Island.....	16,000
New Brunswick.....	25,000	Newfoundland.....	20,000
Nova Scotia.....	20,859	British Columbia & Vancouver's I.	2,000
		Rupert's Land.....	10,000
Carried forward.....	926,466		968,466