

These figures may, to the casual reader, seem enormous, but they are not so. The actual progress of the United States has been as great. There have been eight decennial census there, and the results shew the population to have been:—

In 1790.....	3,929,827
1800.....	5,305,925
1810.....	7,239,814
1820.....	9,638,131

In 1830.....	12,866,020
1840.....	17,069,453
1850.....	23,191,876
1860.....	31,445,089

Placed as we are beside the United States, it becomes of interest to compare our position with theirs, and the preceding figures shew that the Dominion now contains a population about equal to that which the States possessed when they achieved their independence. Our cities are also at least equal now to theirs at that time, the figures being

Population of British American Cities.

1861.	
Montreal.....	90,323
Quebec.....	51,109
Toronto.....	44,821
St. John, N. B.....	27,317
Halifax.....	25,026
Hamilton.....	19,096
Ottawa.....	14,669
Kingston.....	13,743
London.....	11,555
Three Rivers.....	6,058
Fredericton.....	5,652
St. Hyacinthe.....	3,636
St. Johns, Nfld.....	24,851
Charlottetow, P. E. I.....	6,706

Population of Cities of the United States.

1790.	
Philadelphia.....	42,520
New York.....	33,131
Boston.....	18,038
Charleston.....	16,359
Baltimore.....	13,593
Salem.....	7,921
Providence.....	6,380
Portsmouth.....	4,720
Richmond.....	3,761
Albany.....	3,498

Looking at the rate of progress of the Cities of the United States, we may fairly expect that by the end of the century—only a generation hence—Montreal will boast 300,000 people, Quebec, Toronto, Hamilton, St. John, N. B., and Halifax at least 100,000 each; while on the Pacific Coast, on Lake Winnepeg, or on the plains, some new cities will be rising destined to be the San Franciscos, St. Louis or Chicagos of our side of the line, though now as little thought of as were the last named cities a century ago.

How many of the people of the Dominion are native to the soil, is a question of much interest, and by the aid of the census tables we answer it as follows:--

Where Resident.	Natives of Canada.	Natives of N. Brunswick.	Natives of Nova Scotia.	Total Natives of The Dom'n.	Born out of The Dominion
Ontario.....	902,879	3,214	4,383	910,476	485,615
Quebec.....	1,015,564	852	977	1,017,393	94,173
New Brunswick.....	300	199,445	5,700	205,445	46,602
Nova Scotia.....	353	2,251	294,706	297,310	33,547
Total.....	1,919,096	205,762	305,766	2,430,624	659,937

This shows the percentage of immigrants living in each Province to have been, in 1861:—

In Ontario.....	35 per cent.	In New Brunswick.....	18½ per cent.
In Quebec.....	8½ "	In Nova Scotia.....	10 "

It is only natural that in new colonies, like Ontario and New Brunswick, the proportion of immigrants should be larger than in older settled districts, but these figures are so dissimilar that they also appear to point to a difference in the inducements that have been held out to emigrants by the several Provinces. At the beginning of a new system, under which population is to be the basis of representation, that Province will most rapidly increase in power which offers most attractions to the settler. Quebec must freely open up its fertile township lands and rich mineral tracts; Nova Scotia must more boldly bid for men and women in the emigration markets of the world; Ontario and New Brunswick must in no way relax their endeavors to bring population to their shores; for although the natural rate of increase here, unchecked as yet by Malthusian doctrines, is rapid as compared with the densely settled countries of the old world, nevertheless the wealth, the vigor and energy, the progress, the power which we admire over the borders, and which we hope to realize for ourselves hereafter more than we have yet done, principally depend upon a full stream of foreign immigration.

What is the religious belief of the people of the Dominion? Mainly Roman Catholic; next Presbyterian;\* then English Catholic, Wesleyan and Baptist. Afterwards follow in the far distance all the other denominations, familiar and unfamiliar. The figures are:—

	Church of Rome.	Presbyterians.	Church of England.	Wesleyans and Methodists.	Baptists.	Lutherans.	Congregationalists.	Miscellaneous Creeds.	Of no religion.	No Creed stated.	Total.
Ontario.....	258,141	303,384	311,565	341,572	61,559	24,299	9,357	60,718	17,373	8,123	1,396,091
Quebec.....	943,253	43,735	63,487	30,660	7,751	857	4,927	9,691	1,477	5,728	1,111,566
N. Brunswick..	85,238	36,072	42,776	25,637	57,730	113	1,290	2,664	10	517	252,047
Nova Scotia...	86,281	88,755	47,744	34,055	62,040	4,382	2,183	3,103	.....	2,314	330,857
Totals....	1,372,913	471,946	465,572	431,924	189,080	29,651	17,757	76,176	18,860	16,682	3,090,561
Or per cent....	44½	15½	15½	14½	6	1	½	2½	½	½	100

\* If the total population of British America be taken, the Presbyterians and Anglicans exchange places, other denominations preserving the same relative rank.