

to their parents; and the climate being doubtless salubrious in the extreme, the increase of population is not subject to the many checks which beset it in European countries.

In proof of how little crowded are the provinces composing the Dominion, we give the following table, showing the extent of land to each inhabitant in European countries and in ours. According to the resolutions of frequent statistical congresses, the metric hectare (2.47 of an English acre) is used as the common measure of surface:—

Countries.	Population, in the census year 1,000 s	Extent in Hectares in 1,000 s	Females to 1,000 Males.	Extent in Hectares to 1,000 inhabitants.
Russia in Europe.....	59,300	477,888	1,020	8,059
Austria.....	37,451	66,518	1,004	1,776
France.....	37,386	53,028	1,001	1,418
Great Britain and Ireland.....	29,321	31,729	1,039	1,082
Italy.....	21,777	25,932	998	1,191
Prussia.....	18,491	28,955	1,007	1,566
Spain.....	15,659	59,704	1,020	3,244
Bavaria.....	4,690	7,565	1,026	1,613
Belgium.....	4,539	2,946	994	650
Sweden.....	3,860	39,924	1,059	10,344
Portugal.....	3,693	8,600	.....	2,328
Netherlands.....	3,293	3,284	1,038	997
Roman States.....	3,124	4,129	953	1,338
Denmark.....	2,605	5,838	1,009	2,241
Switzerland.....	2,510	4,142	1,031	1,650
Saxony.....	2,225	1,501	1,044	674
Hanover.....	1,888	3,846	1,001	2,037
Wurtembu.g.....	1,721	1,945	1,075	1,130
Norway.....	1,499	31,832	1,040	21,363
Greece.....	1,097	4,543	933	4,142
Saxe Meningen.....	172	236	1,047	1,369
Saxe Altenburg.....	137	132	1,032	960
Saxe Gotha.....	112	142	1,047	1,262
Saxe Cobourg.....	47	55	1,077	1,168
Ontario.....	1,396	31,406	924	22,500
Quebec.....	1,111	54,395	757	49,000
New Brunswick.....	252	7,020	939	27,800
Nova Scotia.....	331	4,833	998	14,600
The Dominion.....	3,090	* 97,654	945	31,601
The United States†.....	31,443	444,062	958	14,100

In the above table is also given a statement of the proportion of females and males. In old countries, as is well known, the females are the more numerous—the proportion in all Europe being 1,015 females to 1,000 males. In new countries, the reverse is the case, owing, we think, principally to the fact that it is the men who emigrate, leaving the women, at least for a time, behind them.‡ Strangely enough, though, and physiologists may examine its causes, the following disproportionate numbers of the sexes appear to have been born in the Dominion in the census year:—

	Ontario.	Quebec.	New Brunswick.	Nova Scotia.	Total.
Males.....	27,301	20,957	§ 4,521	5,140	57,919
Females.....	25,877	19,831	4,200	5,102	55,018

Under the new political system of the Dominion, population has a great influence on the relative political power of the Provinces composing it, and the more rapid the increase of the population of any Province, the greater its influence in the Parliament at Ottawa will be.

We show in the following table the number of members of the House of Commons and the proportionate influence each Province now has, and contrast it with what the number and proportionate influence are expected to be after 1871:—

Members now.	Proportionate influence.		Members after 1871.	Proportionate influence.
82	45.3	..... Ontario.....	98	59.0
65	35.9	..... Quebec.....	65	33.2
15	8.3	..... New Brunswick.....	15	7.6
19	10.5	..... Nova Scotia.....	18	9.2
181	100.0	..... The Dominion.....	196	100.0

This change within 10 years is quite sufficiently rapid for those holding conservative views, but in the future, it may be even more so. A singular table of the fluctuation of the representation of the United States in the House of Representatives has been compiled, and shows that Virginia, first in 1790, 1800 and 1810, fell to the second place in 1820, the third in 1830, the fourth in 1840 and 1850, and the fifth in 1860, being supplanted by (1) New York, which was fifth in 1790; by (2) Pennsylvania, which was second in 1790, fell to be third in 1810 and 1820 and then regained its place; by (3) Ohio

\* The area of the Dominion, in square miles, is now :  
 Ontario..... (estimated) 121,260 square miles.  
 Quebec..... 210,020 " "  
 New Brunswick..... " 27,105 " "  
 Nova Scotia..... " 18,660 " "  
 377,045 " "  
 Adding the area of Prince Edward Island 2,100 square miles, Newfoundland, 40,270, British Columbia, 220,000 (including Vancouver's Island 23,000) and Labrador, the Hudson's Bay and North West territories, say 2,751,000 square miles, we shall have a total for British North America of 3,389,345 square miles.

† The States only, not the territories, as per census of 1860.  
 ‡ Out of 5,062,414 " alien passengers " who arrived in the United States between 1820 and 1860, both inclusive, 2,977,603 were males and 2,084,811 females. The sex of the remaining 40,275 was not stated.  
 § Assumed, the census for New Brunswick not dividing males from females born.