

THE CENSUS.

There have appeared in previous *Year-Books* computations of ratios of progress, based on the last decennial census of Canada, presenting matter of much interest, but limited by the inaccuracies which marked the taking and compilation of that census. The readers of the *Year-Book* were therefore warned to receive those statements with reserve, and particularly in as far as they related to industrial and agricultural products. We refer to page 14 of the *Year-Book* of 1870; page 5 of *Year-Book* of 1869; page 33 of 1868, and page 16 of 1867.

We may, however, repeat here that according to the ratios which have been established, the total population of the Dominion in 1871 ought to be 4,523,103. This includes Newfoundland. If we further include Prince Edward Island and British Columbia, the population in 1871 ought to be 4,677,364. Of this total, Ontario ought to have 2,136,303; Quebec, 1,422,546; New Brunswick, 327,800; Nova Scotia, 336,440; Newfoundland, 130,000; and the North-West, 110,000. Prince Edward Island should have 90,261; and British Columbia, (ratio based on estimate) 55,000.

The census which is about to be taken will of course verify these figures. We believe the greatest care will be observed to have it taken as correctly as public statistics of this nature can be expected to be. An act was passed last session to give the Minister of Agriculture and Statistics the necessary powers; and twelve staff officers were appointed in the fall to consider the schedules and assist the Department in carrying out a uniform system throughout the Dominion. The enumeration will take place in March or the beginning of April, 1871.

The census of the United States was taken in June last, and the compilation is now going on.

We hope before the next issue of the *Year-Book*, to be able to present to our readers some of the facts elicited. It is scarcely worth while to base any further statements on the old figures.

We should, however, add with respect to the errors in our own last decennial census, that those in that of the United States in 1860, were quite as gross and as plainly apparent. Some of them are almost incident to the obtaining of statistics of this nature, without any antecedent organization.

CANADIAN OCEAN STEAMERS.

RETURN of Passages and Number of Passengers, carried by the Montreal Ocean Steamship Company, under contract for the conveyance of the Mails from Liverpool to Portland, and from Portland to Liverpool, from November 11, 1869, to April 30, 1870.

STEAMSHIP.	CAPTAIN.	Liverpool to Portland.				Portland to Liverpool.			
		Left Liverpool.	Arrived at Portland.	Passage.	Number of Passengers.	Left Portland.	Arrived at Liverpool.	Passage.	Number of Passengers.
Nestorian	Aird	Nov. 11	Nov. 22	D. H. M. 10 18.15	178	Dec. 4	Dec. 14	D. H. M. 9 12.40	92
North American	Richardson	.. 18	.. 30	11 12.45	134	.. 11	.. 24	12 20.30	84
Nova Scotian	Watts	.. 25	Dec. 9	13 1. 0	119	.. 18	.. 29	10 18.30	44
Moravian	Brown	Dec. 2	.. 13	10 0. 4	135	.. 25	Jan. 4	9 18.30	53
Austrian	Wylie	.. 9	.. 21	11 16.45	93	Jan. 1	.. 12	10 7. 0	46
Prussian	Dutton	.. 16	.. 28	11 2.30	83	.. 8	.. 18	10 0. 0	56
Nestorian	Aird	.. 23	Jan. 4	10 20.10	57	.. 16	.. 26	9 15.35	91
North American	Richardson	.. 30	.. 13	13 1.30	64	.. 23	Feb. 3	11 20.25	40
Nova Scotian	Watts	Jan. 6	.. 21	14 13. 0	49	.. 30	.. 10	11 9.25	34
Moravian	Brown	.. 13	.. 24	10 19.20	96	Feb. 6	.. 18	11 20.45	61
Austrian	Wylie	.. 20	Feb. 2	12 4. 0	111	.. 13	.. 23	10 12. 0	53
Prussian	Dutton	.. 27	.. 11	14 0. 0	75	.. 21	Mar. 7	19 8. 0	66
Nestorian	Aird	Feb. 3	.. 15	11 3.50	142	.. 27	.. 10	10 1.40	40
Peruvian	Smith	.. 10	.. 20	9 5.45	176	Mar. 6	.. 17	10 23.50	60
Nova Scotian	Richardson	.. 17	Mar. 1	11 1. 0	141	.. 12	.. 26	13 13. 0	32
Hibernian	Watts	.. 24	.. 7	10 2.50	148	.. 20	.. 31	10 10.20	28
Austrian	Wylie	Mar. 3	.. 11	10 0.30	156	.. 27	April 10	12 18.65	33
Prussian	Dutton	.. 10	.. 22	10 13. 0	157	April 2	.. 13	10 2. 0	60
Nestorian	Aird	.. 17	.. 29	10 12.35	233	.. 9	.. 19	9 14.10	49
Peruvian	Smith	.. 24	April 3	9 8.10	341	.. 16	.. 28	10 16.25	56
North American	Triggs	.. 31	.. 13	11 22.30	431	.. 23	May 5	11 0. 0	27
Moravian	Brown	April 7	.. 18	10 0.10	632	.. 30	.. 10	10 1.40	85
				247 11.40	3367			241 15.30	1192

Average Passage } 11 6. 0 Westward, } Average Passage } 10 23.35 Eastward, }