

## CHAPTER II.

## POPULATION.

25. A census of Canada was taken on the 4th day of April, 1881, under authority of the Statute assented to 15th May, 1879, intituled: An Act respecting "Census and Statistics."

26. The *de jure* system was adopted as being the most suitable to our circumstances. The amount of provincial annual subsidies, the readjustment of representation, and other matters depending thereon.

27. The census of Great Britain was taken on the same day; but, under the *de facto* system, which counts all present on a certain night, whether legally domiciled or not. On or about the same day, a census was taken in almost every part of the British Empire.

28. The census of Canada, as constituted in 1871, comprised the four Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, with a total population of 3,485,761; of males there were 1,764,311, and of females 1,721,450, an excess of males of 42,861.

29. Additions having been made to the Confederation, Canada, as constituted at the time of the census of 1881, comprised the following Provinces and territories, viz., Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, British Columbia and the North-West Territories, and the following table shows their respective populations on the 4th April in that year (1881):

Provinces.	Total Population.	Sexes.		Excess.		Number of Representatives.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	1871.	1882.
Prince Edward Island.....	108,891	54,729	54,162	567	.....	.....	6
Nova Scotia.....	440,572	220,538	220,034	504	.....	21	21
New Brunswick.....	321,233	164,119	157,114	7,005	.....	16	16
Quebec.....	1,359,027	678,109	680,918	.....	2,809	65	65
Ontario.....	1,923,228	976,461	946,767	29,694	.....	88	92
Manitoba.....	65,954	37,207	28,747	8,460	.....	4	5
British Columbia.....	49,459	29,503	19,956	9,547	.....	.....	6
The Territories.....	56,446	28,113	28,333	.....	220	.....	.....
Totals.....	4,324,810	2,188,779	2,136,031	.....	.....	194	211