

CHAPTER II.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

PART I.—POPULATION.

Census of 1871. 59. The first census of the Dominion of Canada was taken on the 2nd April, 1871, and comprised the four Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The Province of Manitoba had been admitted into the Confederation in the previous year, when a census of it was taken. It was not, therefore, included in the census of 1871.

Population, 1871. 60. The total population of the four Provinces was found to be 3,485,761, viz., males 1,764,311 and females 1,721,450, an excess of males of 42,861.

Census of Prince Edward Island and British Columbia. 61. A census of Prince Edward Island, then an independent Province, was taken in the same year, giving a population of 94,021; and a census of British Columbia was taken in 1870, when the population was ascertained to be 36,247, including Indians. This Province was also at that time independent.

Census of Manitoba. 62. The population of Manitoba at the taking of the census in 1870, was 18,995, including 6,767 Indians.

Population of Canada, 1871. 63. The population, therefore, of what at present constitutes the Dominion, exclusive of the North-West Territories, may be set down to have been in 1871, 3,635,024, viz., males 1,842,174 and females 1,792,850, being an excess of males of 31,324. The population of the Territories was at the same time estimated to be 60,000.

Census, 1881. 64. The next census of Canada was taken on the 4th April, 1881, under authority of the Act 42 Victoria, Chapter 21. Since 1871 additions had been made to the Confederation (see paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 *ante*), and the Dominion at this date comprised the following Provinces and Territories,