

112. Whereas in 1881 the proportions of Scotch and English were 25·0 per cent. and 17·9 per cent.; in 1886 these figures were changed, the number of English forming 23·8 per cent., and of Scotch 23·6 per cent. of the population. The total number of those that came from the United Kingdom were in the proportion of 66·9 per cent., and those of Indian and half-breed origin in that of 12·6 per cent. It will be noticed that the Mennonites, while giving their birthplaces as in Russia and Poland, have almost all returned themselves as of German origin. From a comparison between the figures of the origins and birthplaces, and of the religions of these people, it would seem that the natural increase among them since 1881 has been very large. The decrease in the number of French origin is accounted for by the half-breeds having been counted as French in 1881. Among the principal nationalities the English and Irish show the largest percentages of increase. Attention is again called to the discrepancy between the numbers of Jewish origin and Jewish religion. It is evident that since the total number professing that religion was 543, and only 71 were returned as of Jewish origin, the large majority must have, in ignorance, given their origins with reference to the countries from which they came, as it is extremely rare to find any person a Jew in religion and not a Jew by birth.

Proportions of various origins, &c.

113. In the city of Winnipeg over four-fifths of the population, or 82·60 per cent., came originally from the British Isles, and of the remainder, 32·35 per cent., or one-third, were of Icelandic origin.

Origins in Winnipeg.