

Excess of husbands.

84. Husbands exceeded wives by 469, which was a large number, considering the size of the population. Only '66 per cent. of the husbands were under 21 years, but 6'56 per cent. of the wives were under that age.

Proportions of wives to husbands.

85. The proportions of wives to husbands were as follows:—

WIVES TO EVERY 1,000 HUSBANDS IN THE THREE DISTRICTS—1885.

Assiniboia	943
Saskatchewan	973
Alberta.....	874
The Territories.....	924

Wives were a decided minority in all the districts, but especially in Alberta.

Husbands and wives under and over 21 years.

86. As shown by the following figures, the proportion of husbands under 21 was about the same in the three districts, but that of wives was considerably the highest in Saskatchewan:—

HUSBANDS AND WIVES UNDER AND OVER 21 YEARS IN EVERY 1,000 HUSBANDS AND WIVES IN THE THREE DISTRICTS, 1885.

DISTRICTS.	HUSBANDS.		WIVES.	
	Under 21 years.	Over 21 years.	Under 21 years	Over 21 years.
Assiniboia.....	8	992	62	938
Saskatchewan	6	994	88	912
Alberta	5	995	65	935
The Territories	7	993	66	934

Proportion of population to area.

Some idea of the scantiness of the population in proportion to the area of the three districts may be gained from the facts that there only '15 persons to the square mile, '01 persons to the occupied acre, and '25 persons to the culti-