

by the proportion of its inhabitants at the middle period of life

115. The following table shows the proportions in Manitoba in every 10,000 persons living, and in every 10,000 males living at the sustaining, as compared with those at the dependent ages, in 1881 and 1886:—

Relative strength of the population of Manitoba 1886.

RELATIVE STRENGTH OF THE TOTAL AND OF THE MALE POPULATION OF MANITOBA—1881 AND 1886.

NUMBERS IN EVERY 10,000 PERSONS LIVING.

YEAR.	AT SUPPORTING AGES.	AT DEPENDENT AGES.	
	15 to 65.	Under 15 years.	65 years and over.
1881 .....	5,934	3,932	134
1886 .....	5,955	3,898	147

NUMBERS IN EVERY 10,000 MALES LIVING.

1881 .....	6,287	3,582	131
1886 .....	6,198	3,647	155

In proportion to the total population there was a slight increase in the numbers at the middle period, but in proportion to males only, there was on the other hand a small decrease.

116. The following figures show the number of men available in Manitoba for active service under the provisions of the Militia Act, in 1881 and 1886. The numbers are divided into the three periods at which calls would be made if necessary. Due allowance must be made for those specially exempted from service and those physically incapacitated:

Males at the soldiering age in Manitoba 1886.