

131. In view of the proposed negotiations with reference to the entry of Newfoundland into the Confederation, the following information will be of interest :—

Area &c.,
of New-
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land.

The Island of Newfoundland, which, with Labrador, is the only part of British North America not included in the Dominion, is situated on the north-east side of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and is 350 miles long by about 130 wide, with an estimated area of 40,000 square miles. The coast of Labrador has an area of about 120,000 square miles, but the number of inhabitants is very limited. A census of the colony was taken in 1884, when it was found to contain 197,835 persons, of whom only 4,211 were living in Labrador.

132. The sex of those living in Labrador was not given, but of the 193,124 inhabitants of Newfoundland, 99,344 were males and 93,780 females, being an excess of males of 5,564; the proportion of females being 94·30 per 100 males. The population of St. John, the capital of the colony, was 33,145, viz., 18,503 males and 19,642 females, the numerical excess of females being 1,139, and the proportion 106·15 females per 100 males.

Popula-
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133. The Roman Catholic, Church of England and Wesleyan are the principle religious denominations, the numbers and proportions being as follows :—

Religions.

	Number.	Proportion to Population.
Roman Catholic	75,254	38·13
Church of England.....	69,000	34·96
Wesleyan	48,767	24·71
Presbyterian	1,495	0·75
Other denominations	1,470	0·74
Not given	1,349	0·68

134. The factories, mills, &c., numbered 198 and employed 2,459 hands; their total value was \$1,161,352, and the value of goods produced \$1,891,167.

Industrial
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ments.