

Census
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1885, Ma-
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1886.

68. A census of three of the Provisional Districts in the North-West Territories was taken in 1885, when the population was found to be 48,362, and a census of Manitoba was taken in 1886, showing a population of 108,640. Full particulars of these census returns will be found in the Statistical Abstract for 1887.

The popu-
lation can
only be
estimated.

69. No information is available for ascertaining the increase of population since 1881 (except as above mentioned), with any great practical accuracy. The population used in different parts of this work is derived from logarithmetical calculations based on census returns, and is believed to be sufficiently near the mark to be of value in the calculations for which it is used; but it will be readily understood that from the absence of returns of births and deaths and from the incessant movement of population, both ways, across the long frontier, of which it is impossible to keep any record, any statement, based on these assumptions, would be probably very much astray.

Progress
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70. The following table will give some idea of the increase in population and value of property in some of the principal cities and towns in Canada. Forty-one places were applied to for particulars, but answers were only received from those given below, and thanks are due to the several clerks for furnishing the same. There has been an increase in the aggregate population of the places named, since 1881, of 42·77 per cent., and in the aggregate assessment of 47·41 per cent. The average rate of increase in population in all the cities and towns of the Dominion in 1881 as compared with 1888 was 33·0 per cent. With the exception of Winnipeg, where the increase has of course exceeded all normal rates, the greatest progress has been made by Toronto, the population of this city having increased 116·54 per cent., and the assessment 76·37 per cent.