

Full particulars of the census of the Dominion in 1881 will be found in the Statistical Abstracts for 1885 and 1886.

83. 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

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84. 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, it is impossible to obtain any absolutely correct statement of the population between census years.

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85. That the population, so calculated, is more correct than would be generally supposed, is apparent from the close similarity between the population of the Province of Ontario as estimated for this work and according to the Registrar General's returns for the Provincial Government. The population mathematically calculated was found to be, on 31st December, 1887, 2,146,408, while taking the population of 1881, the excess of births over deaths, and the average immigration, according to Provincial returns, it would be 2,152,290.

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86. According to the census of 1881 the Indian or native population of Canada was 108,547, and in 1888, according to the report of the Department of Indian Affairs, it was 124,589,

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