

## CHAPTER II.

## POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Census of Canada, 1871. 87. The first census of the Dominion of Canada was taken on the 2nd April, 1871, and comprised the four provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The Province of Manitoba had been admitted into the Confederation in the previous year, when a census of it was taken. It was not, therefore, included in the census of 1871. The total population of the four provinces was found to be 3,485,761.

Census of P. E. I. and B. C., 1870 and 1871. 88. A census of Prince Edward Island, then an independent province, was taken in the same year, giving a population of 94,021; and a census of British Columbia was taken in 1870, when the population was ascertained to be 36,247, including Indians. This province was also at that time independent.

Census of Manitoba, 1870. 89. The population of Manitoba at the taking of the census in 1870 was 18,995, including 6,767 Indians.

Population of the Dominion, 1871. 90. The population, therefore, of what at present constitutes the Dominion, exclusive of the North-West Territories, may be set down to have been, in 1871, 3,635,024. The population of the Territories was at the same time estimated to be 60,000.

Census, 1881. 91. The next census was taken on the 4th April, 1881, and comprised the whole of the present Dominion, the total population of which was then found to be 4,324,810.

Census, 1891. 92. The third census was taken on the 6th April, 1891, when the population was ascertained to be 4,832,679.

Census, 1871, 1881, 1891. 93. The following table gives the population of the several provinces according to the respective censuses:—

POPULATION OF CANADA, 1871, 1881 AND 1891.

Provinces.	1871.	1881.	Increase Per cent.	1891.	Increase Per cent.
Ontario.....	1,620,851	1,923,228	18·6	2,114,321	9·93
Quebec.....	1,191,516	1,359,027	14·0	1,488,535	9·53
Nova Scotia.....	387,800	440,572	13·6	450,396	2·22
New Brunswick.....	285,594	321,233	12·4	321,263	0·00
Manitoba . . . . .	18,995	62,260	247·2	152,506	144·95
British Columbia. . . . .	36,427	49,459	36·4	*97,613	97·36
Prince Edward Island.	94,021	108,891	15·8	109,078	0·17
The Territories. . . . .	.....	56,446	.....	*98,967	75·33
Total . . . . .	3,635,024	4,324,810	18·97	4,832,679	11·74

\*Subject to revision.