

189. The excess of births over deaths in the several provinces in 1881 and 1891, according to census returns, is given below.

EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS IN CANADA, 1881 AND 1891.

PROVINCES.	1881.			1891.		
	Births.	Deaths.	Increase Per cent.	Births.	Deaths.	Increase Per cent.
Ontario	56,435	22,727	148·0	51,370	23,909	115·0
Quebec	53,013	25,930	105·0	54,861	28,154	99·0
Nova Scotia	12,386	6,410	93·0	11,447	6,465	77·0
New Brunswick	9,779	4,827	102·0	8,891	4,134	115·0
Manitoba	2,182	814	163·0	4,962	1,580	224·0
British Columbia	999	1,007	-0·8	2,317	1,361	70·0
Prince Edward Island	3,263	1,557	109·0	2,666	1,338	100·0
The Territories	290	141	112·0	1,662	489	240·0
Canada	138,347	63,413	118·0	135,843	67,688	101·0

190. The following is a comparative table showing the birth rate in the several provinces and in the Australasian colonies in 1891:—

Birth rate in Canada and Australasia, 1891.	Birth rate.	Birth rate.
Ontario	24·50	New South Wales 35·35
Quebec	36·86	Victoria 33·60
Nova Scotia	25·41	Queensland 40·95
New Brunswick	27·70	South Australia 32·75
Manitoba	32·53	West Australia 32·55
British Columbia	23·16	New Zealand 29·41
Prince Edward Island	24·45	Tasmania 33·49
The Territories	24·98	

The birth rate in Australasia is generally higher than in Canada, and while, in common with other countries, the rate shows a decrease in 1891, yet the decrease is not so great as that shown in Canada.