of that number, 9,341 have been taken from British Columbia, and it may be explained that the reduction is entirely attributable to the correction of former approximate estimates, rendered possible by improved facilities for ascertaining facts. It appears, therefore, that the population has about reached the stationary limit, even among the Indians of Manitoba and the North-west Territories. Considering the comparatively short time that has elapsed since many of these Indians began to abandon their natural manner of life, the extent to which they have inter-married, the great difficulty in getting them to submit to the treatment and care required to cope with the various diseases which have accompanied the invasion of civilization, it may be assumed that we have arrived at a "survival of the fittest," and that hereafter a slight increase of population may be expected.

	1892.	1893.
Ontario	<b>17,</b> 589	17,557
Quebec	11,649	11,779
Nova Scotia	2,151	2.129
New Brunswick	1,511	1,540
Prince Edward Island	312	304
Manitoba and N. W. Territories	23,852	23,608
Peace River District	1,725	1,725
	APPR	OXIMATE.
Athabaska River District	6.441	5,589
Mackenzie "		
Eastern Rupert's Land	4,016	4,016
Labrador, Canadian Interior	1,000	1,000
Arctic Coast	4,000	4,000
British Columbia	34,959	25,618
Nelson & Churchill River District		852
Total	109 205	99,717
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1508. It is satisfactory to note that an increasing interest is taken by the Indians in the education of their children. The establishment of industrial and boarding schools at various points is deemed of great importance, as these schools have a much greater beneficial effect on the minds of the Indians than the day schools, by removing the children from deleterious home influences and bringing them in uninterrupted contact with a higher civilization than their own.

1509. The number of industrial institutions and boarding schools is as follows:—

1893.	Industrial Institutions.	Semi-industrial and Boarding schools.
Ontario	7	
Manitoba	. 3	
N. W. Territories	. 5	$2\overline{2}$
British Columbia		-5