

1615. The census returns give the following information respecting the printing and publishing business:—

	1871.	1881.	1891.
Number of establishments.....	308	394	589
Number of employees.....	3,497	5,311	7,705
Wages paid.....	\$1,194,012	\$1,797,112	\$3,099,632
Capital employed.....	2,158,660	4,291,136	8,689,686
Output, annual.....	3,420,202	4,742,904	8,318,094

Comparing 1891 with 1881, the increase in establishments was 49·1 per cent; in employees, 45 per cent; in wages paid, 72·5 per cent; in capital invested, 102·5 per cent, and in annual output, 75·5 per cent.

Each employee averaged \$338.37 as yearly wages in 1881 and \$402.30 in 1891.

INDIANS.

1616. A comparison of the figures published in 1892, 1893 and 1894 will disclose an apparent decrease in Canada's Indian population, in 1893 amounting to 9,488 souls, and an apparent increase of 510 in 1894 over 1893. Closer examination will show that of the decrease given in 1893, 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 intermarried, 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. This has shown itself in 1894, a comparison of the Indian population in the older provinces in the last year and the previous year giving an increase of 529.

	1892.	1893.	1894.
Ontario.....	17,589	17,557	17,626
Quebec.....	11,649	11,779	11,859
Nova Scotia.....	2,151	2,129	2,141
New Brunswick.....	1,511	1,540	1,618
Prince Edward Island.....	312	304	285
Manitoba and North-west Territories.....	23,852	23,608	23,709
Peace River District.....	1,725	1,725	1,725

APPROXIMATE.

Athabaska River District.....	6,441	5,589	5,589
Mackenzie " ".....			
Eastern Rupert's Land.....	4,016	4,016	4,016
Labrador, Canadian Interior.....	1,000	1,000	1,000
Arctic Coast.....	4,000	4,000	4,000
British Columbia.....	34,959	25,618	25,807
Nelson and Charchill River District.....		852	852
Totals.....	<u>109,205</u>	<u>99,717</u>	<u>100,227</u>