The Census returns of 1901 gave the number of persons of foreign birth in Canada at 278,449 or 5.2 per cent of the whole population.

The same returns showed that 153,908 persons reported themselves to be naturalized, leaving 124,541 persons in April, 1901, not naturalized.

Under the Naturalization Act of 1902 provision was made for collecting statistics of persons naturalized in the several courts of the Dominion.

As a foreigner has to be in Canada three years before he can obtain a naturalization certificate, the 216,641 foreigners who have come in since the census was taken, according to the immigration returns, are still unnaturalized foreigners.

The returns under the Naturalization Act of 1902 show that 3,813 persons were naturalized in 1902, 6,593 in 1903 and 4,402 in 1904—a total of 14,808 men. Taking each man to represent five persons the total affected by these naturalization papers of 1902–'3–'4 will be 74,000 persons, leaving —without taking into account losses by death—about 50,500 persons who remain aliens after they are able to become naturalized Canadians or less than one tenth of one per cent.