

III.—AREA AND POPULATION.

Area and New Provincial Boundaries—The Dominion of Canada, extending westward from the Atlantic ocean to the Pacific ocean, and northward from the United States boundary into the Arctic circle, embraces a total area computed at 3,729,665 square miles. This area is divided into nine provinces and the Yukon and Northwest Territories. By the Boundary Extension Acts, passed by the Dominion Parliament in 1912 (2 Geo. V, cc. 32, 40 and 45), the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec were enlarged by the addition of areas that were previously part of the Northwest Territories. The boundaries of Manitoba were thus extended northwards to the 60th parallel of north latitude between the eastern boundary of Saskatchewan and the western shore of Hudson Bay ; and from the point where the northern boundaries of Manitoba and Ontario formerly coincided the boundary of Manitoba was extended due north to a point defined and thence northeasterly to the point where the 89th meridian of west longitude intersects the southern shore of Hudson Bay. The northern boundaries of Ontario were extended to the southern shores of Hudson Bay, the new western boundary of Ontario coinciding with the new eastern boundary of Manitoba. To the province of Quebec were added the whole of the territory of Ungava and that part of Labrador which is within the Dominion of Canada.

Area by Provinces and Territories.—The following statement (Table 1) shows the total area of the Dominion in land and water and the new distribution into provinces and territories :

1.—Land and Water Area of Canada by Provinces and Territories.

Provinces.	Land.	Water. ¹	Total Land & Water. ¹
	sq. miles.	sq. miles.	sq. miles.
Prince Edward Island.....	2,184	—	2,184
Nova Scotia.....	21,068	360	21,428
New Brunswick.....	27,911	74	27,985
Quebec.....	690,865	15,969	706,834
Ontario.....	365,880	41,382	407,262
Manitoba.....	231,926	19,906	251,832
Saskatchewan.....	243,382	8,318	251,700
Alberta.....	252,925	2,360	255,285
British Columbia.....	353,416	2,439	355,855
Yukon.....	206,427	649	207,076
Northwest Territories.....	1,207,926	34,298	1,242,224
Total.....	3,603,910	125,755	3,729,665

By the revision of the boundaries Manitoba received about 178,100, Ontario 146,400 and Quebec 354,961 square miles of additional territory. Quebec, instead of British Columbia, is now the largest province of the Dominion, Ontario being second and British Columbia third in point of size. The map of Canada which forms part of this volume shows clearly the present boundaries of the provinces.

¹The water area is exclusive of Hudson Bay, Ungava Bay, the Bay of Fundy, the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and all other tidal waters, excepting that portion of the River St. Lawrence which is between Pointe-des-Monts in Saguenay and the foot of Lake St. Peter in Quebec.