

FLORA AND FAUNA.

There are few game birds but grouse, except near the coast. Trout of several species are found in all the lakes and streams.

Vancouver Island.—The flora and fauna of Vancouver Island differ little from those of the adjacent mainland, except about Victoria and on the islands in the Gulf of Georgia, where many species are found that do not grow elsewhere in Canada. Some of these are characteristic of the Californian flora and are not found in Washington or Oregon. The Yukon district may in some respects be considered as a continuation of the Canadian zone, almost wholly so as regards the general fauna. Many species of plants and some genera are, however, peculiar to the district. This is supposed to be due to the fact that much of the area has escaped glaciation.

III.—AREA AND POPULATION.

Area by Provinces and Territories.—Table 1 shows the total area of the Dominion in land and water and the distribution into provinces and territories:

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

Provinces.	Land.	Water.	Total Land and Water.
	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

The 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 Pointes-Monts in Saguenay and the foot of Lake St. Peter in Quebec.

Increase of Population.—According to the corrected returns of the fifth Census, the total population on June 1, 1911, was 7,206,643, representing an increase of 1,835,328 since the previous Census of April 1, 1901. For the period covered, the rate of increase, viz., 34.17 p.c., is the largest in the world, and is due to the heavy tide of immigration which set in with the beginning of the present century. The countries next in order, in respect of the percentage rates of increase during the same decade, are: New Zealand 30.5, the United States 21, Germany 15.2, Holland 14.8, Switzerland 13.2, Denmark 12.6, Belgium 10.9, Austria 9.3, United Kingdom 9.1, Hungary 8.5,