

The population of Canada in 1911 was 7,206,643, as compared with 3,689,257 in 1871, including the provinces of Prince Edward Island and British Columbia, which did not join the Union until after the first Dominion census of 1871.

Table 3 shows the increase in the population from decade to decade in (A) absolute numbers and (B) in percentages.

3.—Increase of Population of Canada, by Provinces from decade to decade, 1871 to 1911: A. in Absolute Numbers; B. in Percentages.

Provinces.	Popula- tion 1871.	A. Increase in Absolute Numbers.				Popula- tion 1911.	Increase 1871 to 1911.
		1871 to 1881.	1881 to 1891.	1891 to 1901.	1901 to 1911.		
Prince Edward Island	94,021	14,870	187	-5,819	-9,531	93,728	-293
Nova Scotia.....	387,800	52,772	9,824	9,178	32,764	492,338	104,538
New Brunswick.....	285,594	35,639	.30	9,857	20,769	351,889	66,295
Quebec.....	1,191,516	167,511	129,508	160,363	354,334	2,003,232	811,716
Ontario.....	1,620,851	306,071	187,399	68,626	340,327	2,523,274	902,423
Manitoba.....	25,228	37,032	90,246	102,705	200,403	455,614	430,386
Saskatchewan.....	-	-	-	91,279	401,153	492,432	492,432
Alberta.....	-	-	-	73,022	301,641	374,663	374,663
British Columbia.....	36,247	13,212	48,714	80,484	213,823	392,480	356,233
Yukon.....	-	-	-	27,219	-18,707	8,512	8,512
Northwest Territories	48,000	8,446	42,521	-78,838	-1,648	18,481	-29,519
Totals.....	3,689,257	635,553	508,429	538,076	1,835,323	7,206,643	3,517,386

Provinces.	Popula- tion 1871.	B. Increase in Percentages.				Popula- tion 1911.	Increase per cent 1871 to 1911.
		1871 to 1881.	1881 to 1891.	1891 to 1901.	1901 to 1911.		
Prince Edward Island	94,021	15.82	0.17	-5.33	-9.23	93,728	-0.31
Nova Scotia.....	387,800	13.61	2.23	2.04	7.13	492,338	26.96
New Brunswick.....	285,594	12.48	0.01	3.07	6.27	351,889	23.21
Quebec.....	1,191,516	14.06	9.53	-0.77	21.45	2,003,232	68.12
Ontario.....	1,620,851	18.88	9.73	3.25	15.59	2,523,274	55.67
Manitoba.....	25,228	146.79	144.95	67.34	78.52	455,614	1,705.99
Saskatchewan.....	-	-	-	-	439.48	492,432	-
Alberta.....	-	-	-	-	413.08	374,663	-
British Columbia.....	36,247	36.45	98.49	81.98	119.68	392,480	982.79
Yukon.....	-	-	-	-	68.73	8,512	-
Northwest Territories	48,000	17.60	75.33	79.66	14.57	18,481	-61.50
Totals.....	3,689,257	17.23	11.76	11.13	34.13	7,206,643	95.34

The minus sign (-) indicates a decrease.

It will be noticed that the greatest increase took place between 1901 and 1911, the ratio being over 34 p.c., as against a percentage of under 12 for each of the two previous decades and over 17 p.c. as between 1871 and 1881. For the whole period of forty years, the rate of increase was 95.34 p.c. The high rate of increase has been chiefly due to the settlement of the three Prairie Provinces, and, especially since the beginning of the century, of the two new provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. From 1901 a quinquennial census of