

population was taken for the three Prairie Provinces, and the results are shown in Tables 4 and 5.

4.—Population of Prairie Provinces at Quinquennial Periods, 1901-1916.

Provinces.	1901.	1906.	1911.	1916.
Manitoba.....	255,211	365,688	461,630	553,860
Saskatchewan.....	91,279	257,763	492,432	647,835
Alberta.....	73,022	185,412	374,663	496,525
Total.....	419,512	808,863	1,328,725	1,698,220

5.—Increase of Population of the Prairie Provinces at Quinquennial Periods 1901-1916.

Provinces.	Popula- tion, 1901.	A. Increase in Absolute Num- bers.			Popula- tion, 1916.	Increase, 1901 to 1916.
		1901 to 1906.	1906 to 1911.	1911 to 1916.		
Manitoba.....	255,211	110,477	95,942	92,230	553,860	298,649
Saskatchewan.....	91,279	166,484	234,669	155,403	647,835	556,556
Alberta.....	73,022	112,390	189,251	121,862	496,525	423,503
Totals.....	419,512	389,351	519,862	369,495	1,698,220	1,278,708

Provinces.	Popula- tion, 1901.	B. Increase in Percentages.			Popula- tion, 1916.	Increase per cent, 1901 to 1916.
		1901 to 1906.	1906 to 1911.	1911 to 1916.		
Manitoba.....	255,211	43·28	37·59	20·0	553,860	217·02
Saskatchewan.....	91,279	182·39	257·08	31·6	647,835	709·73
Alberta.....	73,022	153·91	259·16	32·5	496,525	679·96
Totals.....	419,512	92·81	123·92	27·8	1,698,220	404·89

From the beginning of the present century to 1916, the date of the last quinquennial census, the population of the three provinces has increased from 419,512 to 1,698,220, a ratio of over 404 p.c.

Continuous annual statistics of immigration into Canada began only in 1897. Before that date the figures of immigration as published cannot be trusted to furnish accurate information respecting the number of new settlers in Canada. Large numbers of immigrant arrivals in Canada were really destined for the United States, and the proportion that actually settled in Canada is a matter of estimate rather than of actual statistics, the figures of settlement in Canada being derived from the reports of the Dominion Land Agents. In Table 6 are given for the years 1867 to 1896 the total number of immigrants estimated as annually settling in Canada, as extracted from the Reports of the Immigration Branch.