

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Department of Indian Affairs.—By section 5 of the British North America Act, 1867, the Indians of Canada and the lands reserved for them came under the control of the Dominion Government, and in 1873 an Act of the Canadian Parliament (R.S., c. 81) provided that the Minister of the Interior should be Superintendent General of Indian Affairs and as such have the control and management of the lands and property of the Indians in Canada. The aim of the Department of Indian Affairs is the advancement of the Indians in the arts of civilization, and agents have been appointed to encourage the Indians under their charge to settle on the reserve and to engage in industrial pursuits.

Tables 11-18, compiled from the Reports of the Department, give for the years named particulars respecting population, religion, education, agriculture and financial status. Table 18 shows that during the year 1919 crops to the value of \$3,462,147 were raised by the Indians; the corresponding value in 1918 was \$3,142,046. Educational advantages are provided for the Indians in day, boarding and industrial schools, and for educational purposes appropriations were made by Parliament for the year 1919-20, amounting to \$1,057,663. Several bands of Indians assist, and during the fiscal year 1919-20 the sum of \$41,240 was available from this source. As shown in Table 14, the total number of Indian children enrolled as attending school during the fiscal year 1919 was 12,196, and the average attendance was 7,629.

The total parliamentary appropriation of the Indian Department for the year 1919-20 is \$1,741,563. On March 31, 1920, the Indians had to the credit of their trust funds \$10,900,057, derived from sales of lands and timber and from rentals of grazing and other lands. The amount named represents an increase of \$1,661,270 over that of the preceding year.

11.—Indian Population in Canada, by Provinces, 1911-1917.

Provinces.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.
Prince Edward Island.....	292	300	292	288	288	302	292
Nova Scotia.....	2,026	1,969	2,018	2,050	2,042	2,119	2,031
New Brunswick.....	1,802	1,903	1,920	1,906	1,862	1,874	1,846
Quebec.....	11,462	12,817	12,842	12,935	13,174	13,348	13,366
Ontario.....	22,496	26,393	26,077	26,419	26,162	26,305	26,411
Manitoba.....	6,104	10,373	10,822	10,290	10,798	11,935	11,583
Saskatchewan.....	9,439	9,545	9,699	9,779	9,775	9,962	10,646
Alberta.....	8,088	8,113	9,228	8,281	8,500	8,682	8,837
British Columbia.....	24,581	24,781	25,172	25,370	25,399	25,737	25,694
Yukon.....	3,500	3,500	1,389	1,528	1,528	1,528	1,528
Northwest Territories.....	13,871	5,262	8,030	4,928	4,003	3,769	3,764
Indians in Canada.....	103,661	104,956	106,490	103,774	103,531	105,561	105,998
Esquimos.....	4,600	4,600	3,447	3,447	3,447	3,296	3,296