

8.—Birthplaces.

The nativity of the population of Canada, as at each of the six censuses, is shown by Canadian-born, British-born, United States-born and other foreign-born in Table 26. The table shows that in 1871, 97·22 p.c. of the population were born under the British flag, while half a century later the percentage had declined to 89·87 p.c. Among these, the Canadian-born population was at its maximum percentage in 1901, with 86·98 p.c. of the total, while in 1921 that percentage is at its minimum, 77·75 p.c. As a consequence of the large immigration from the United Kingdom in the first two decades of the century, the British-born population has increased from 7·83 p.c. in 1901 to 12·12 p.c. in 1921.

The foreign-born population has been divided into United States-born and other foreign-born. Worthy of note is the fairly steady increase of the United States-born population from 1·85 p.c. in 1871 to 4·26 p.c. in 1921. Other foreign-born increased from 0·93 p.c. in 1871 to 6·25 p.c. in 1911, but have declined slightly to 5·87 p.c. of the total population in 1921.

The nativity of the 1921 population is indicated by sex in Table 27, for the various provinces and territories. In the Maritime Provinces, the population is shown by the census to be about 93 p.c. native-born, and in Quebec about 92 p.c. In Ontario, however, the proportion sinks to about 78 p.c., in Manitoba to about 63 p.c., in Saskatchewan to about 64 p.c., in Alberta to about 53 p.c., and in British Columbia to barely over 50 p.c.

About 40 p.c. of the total British-born population is in Ontario, while the British-born element bears the greatest proportion to the total in British Columbia, viz., 30·6 p.c. The foreign-born element reaches its maximum percentage in the rapidly growing provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta—where it constitutes 26·3 p.c. and 29·5 p.c. of the total population respectively.

26.—Birthplaces of the Population of Canada according to the Censuses of 1871-1921.

Year.	Canadian Born.	British Born.	Foreign Born.		Total Population.	Proportion to Total Population.			
			Born in United States.	Born in other Foreign Countries.		Canadian Born.	British Born.	Foreign Born.	
								United States Born.	Other Foreign Born.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	
1871...	2,892,358	496,477	64,447	32,479	3,485,761	82·98	14·24	1·85	0·93
1881...	3,715,492	478,235	77,753	53,330	4,324,810	85·91	11·06	1·80	1·23
1891...	4,185,877	490,232	80,915	76,215	4,833,239	86·61	10·14	1·67	1·58
1901...	4,671,815	420,712	127,899	150,889	5,371,315	86·98	7·83	2·38	2·81
1911...	5,619,682	833,422	303,680	449,859	7,206,643	77·98	11·56	4·21	6·25
1921...	6,832,747	1,065,454	374,010	516,272	8,788,483	77·75	12·12	4·26	5·87