

movement of population from East to West. In the decade from 1911 to 1921 there occurred in the four western provinces an increase of population from 1,720,601 to 2,480,664 or 44.2 p.c., while the five eastern provinces increased from 5,471,023 to 6,295,189, an increase of 824,166 persons, which, though absolutely larger than the figure for the West, constitutes an increase of only 15 p.c. over the 1911 population. The same conclusion may be deduced from Table 2, which shows that while in 1871 only 2.96 p.c. and in 1881 only 3.88 p.c. of the population of the country dwelt west of the lake of the Woods, the percentage in 1891 was 7.24, in 1901, 12.02, in 1911, 24.09, and in 1921, 28.37. On the other hand, the three eastern Maritime provinces, which in 1871 contained 20.80 p.c. of the population of the Dominion, had in 1881, 20.14 p.c., in 1891, 18.22 p.c., in 1901, 16.64 p.c., in 1911, 13.01 p.c. and in 1921 only 11.38 p.c. of the population. Ontario and Quebec—the old pre-Confederation Province of Canada—still remain the chief centre of population, their population being in 1921, 60.25 p.c. of the total, as compared with 76.24 p.c. in 1871, 75.98 p.c. in 1881, 74.54 p.c. in 1891, 71.34 p.c. in 1901 and 62.90 p.c. in 1911. In other words, the net result of the half century has been that in 1921 only three-fifths of the population of the Dominion lived in these provinces, as compared with more than three-fourths in 1871.

In 1881 the "centre" of population east and west was in the county of Prescott, Ontario, not far from Caledonia village. In 1891 it had moved west to the vicinity of Ottawa, where it remained in 1901. In 1911 the county of Victoria, Ontario, contained the centre, and it is probably in Simcoe county, Ontario, at the present time.

The populations of the several provinces and electoral districts of Canada in 1921 are given by sex in Table 5.

5.—Area and Population of Canada by Provinces and Electoral Districts, 1921, 1911 and 1901.

Provinces and Districts.	Land area in sq. miles.	Population, 1921.				Population, 1911.	Population, 1901.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Per sq. mile.		
Canada	3,603,909.00¹	4,529,945	4,258,538	8,788,483	2.44	7,206,643	5,371,315
Prince Edward Island	2,184.36¹	44,887	43,728	88,615	40.56	93,728	103,259
King's.....	641.18	10,570	9,875	20,445	31.88	22,636	24,725
Prince.....	778.23	16,026	15,494	31,520	40.50	32,779	35,400
Queen's.....	764.95	18,291	18,359	36,650	47.91	38,313	43,134
Nova Scotia	21,068.00¹	266,472	257,365	523,837	24.86	492,338	459,574
Antigonish and Guys- borough.....	2,212.00	13,988	13,110	27,098	12.25	29,010	31,937
Cape Breton North and Victoria.....	1,355.10	16,031	15,294	31,325	23.11	29,888	24,650
Cape Breton South and Richmond.....	1,210.90	39,759	36,603	76,362	63.06	66,625	48,602
Colchester.....	1,451.00	12,647	12,549	25,196	17.36	23,664	24,900
Cumberland.....	1,683.00	21,072	20,119	41,191	24.47	40,543	36,168
Digby and Annapolis.....	1,983.65	14,633	14,332	28,965	14.60	29,871	30,579
Halifax City and County.	2,123.38	48,455	48,773	97,228	45.78	80,257	74,662
Hants.....	1,229.00	10,165	9,574	19,739	16.06	19,703	20,056
Inverness.....	1,408.75	12,421	11,387	23,808	16.90	25,571	24,353
King's.....	864.00	12,045	11,678	23,723	27.45	21,780	21,937
Lunenburg.....	1,202.00	17,295	16,447	33,742	28.07	33,260	32,389
Pictou.....	1,124.00	20,537	20,314	40,851	36.34	35,858	33,459
Shelburne and Queen's...	2,022.48	11,913	11,522	23,435	11.58	24,211	24,428
Yarmouth and Clare.....	1,198.99	15,511	15,663	31,174	26.00	32,097	31,454

NOTE.—The land areas here given for the provinces and electoral districts are as measured by a planimeter on the map, and include the areas of small lakes and other waters which have not been measured.

¹By map measurement.