

Naturalized Population of Voting Age.—Among the 514,182 naturalized persons in 1921, there were 111,099 under 21 years of age, naturalized as a result of the provisions of the Naturalization Act in regard to minors—children who were born in the homeland to parents who since immigration have become naturalized Canadians, or who were born to British nationals in a foreign country. The wives of British or Canadian nationals, whether over or under 21 years of age, were also reported as naturalized, in accordance with the law.

Deducting the 111,099 from the total of 514,182, there remain 403,083 naturalized persons of voting age. The distribution of these persons, by sex and by provinces, is shown in Table 31. These voters constituted in 1921 8·4 p.c. of the total possible voters throughout the Dominion. In Saskatchewan these naturalized voters numbered 29 p.c. of the total, in Alberta 27 p.c., in Manitoba 19 p.c., in British Columbia 10 p.c., in Ontario less than 4 p.c., in Quebec about 3 p.c., and in the Maritime Provinces a little over 2 p.c.

31.—Total Foreign-born and Naturalized Foreign-born Population of 21 Years and over, with Percentage of Naturalized to Total, by Sex and Provinces, 1921.

Provinces.	Males.			Females.			Both Sexes.		
	Total.	Voters.		Total.	Voters.		Total.	Voters.	
		No.	p.c.		No.	p.c.		No.	p.c.
Prince Edward Island.....	220	137	62·27	251	224	89·24	471	361	76·65
Nova Scotia.....	5,567	2,299	41·30	4,028	2,597	64·47	9,595	4,896	51·03
New Brunswick.....	3,506	1,730	49·34	3,354	2,620	78·12	6,860	4,350	63·41
Quebec.....	40,935	18,368	44·87	34,194	20,551	60·10	75,129	38,919	51·80
Ontario.....	86,414	31,411	36·35	58,218	34,069	58·52	144,632	65,480	45·27
Manitoba.....	50,851	31,976	62·88	39,074	27,715	70·93	89,925	59,691	66·38
Saskatchewan.....	90,298	62,691	69·43	61,984	48,023	77·48	152,282	110,714	72·70
Alberta.....	80,317	48,270	60·10	51,655	36,424	70·51	131,972	84,694	64·18
British Columbia.....	61,063	18,570	30·41	24,645	14,970	60·74	85,708	33,540	39·13
Yukon.....	726	202	27·82	221	123	55·66	947	325	34·32
Northwest Territories....	96	96	100·00	16	16	100·00	112	112	100·00
Total.....	419,994¹	215,751¹	51·37	277,640	187,332	67·47	697,634¹	403,083¹	57·78

¹Includes 1 person belonging to the Canadian Navy.

Naturalization by Year of Immigration.—Comparative details as to the year of immigration and as to the naturalization of the foreign-born residents of Canada in 1921 are given by countries of birth in Table 32, as roughly indicating the respective willingness of our immigrants born in different foreign countries to assume the duties of Canadian citizenship and therefore showing their comparative rate of assimilation. Those born in Iceland have the highest percentage, 86·36 p.c. of them being Canadian citizens at the date of the census. Hungarian-born came next with 72·32 p.c. and Norwegian-born third with 71·65 p.c. The numerically largest group, the United States-born, showed a percentage of naturalization of 63·63.

The above method of ascertaining the assimilability of the foreign-born is, however, a rather crude one, inasmuch as it takes no account of the relative length of residence of those born in the various countries. Thus, for example, comparatively few Icelanders have come to Canada since 1910, while immigration from Italy was comparatively active between 1919 and 1921—such immigrants having no opportunity of changing their allegiance on account of the five years' residence required.