

Jan. 12, 1918. A summary of the principal data was published in the Year Book for 1918, pages 105-112, and tables showing the growth of the Prairie Provinces by quinquennial periods were published at pages 139 to 140 of the Year Book of 1924.

Under section 17 of the Statistics Act of 1918 (8-9 Geo. V, c. 43), a census of the population and agriculture of the Prairie Provinces will be taken by the Bureau of Statistics on a date to be fixed by the Governor in Council in June, 1926, and every tenth year thereafter. The census of 1926 will be taken as of date June 1.

15.—Population of the British Empire.

During the decade 1911-1921 the boundaries of the British Empire were contracted by the voluntary giving up of Egypt and expanded by the addition of various territories as a result of the war. The increases of territory were mainly in Africa, where the Tanganyika Territory, Southwest Africa, and portions of the Cameroons and Togoland were added to the Empire, with an aggregate area of 731,000 square miles and an estimated population of slightly over 5,000,000. In Asia the territories acquired by mandate from the League of Nations include Palestine and Mesopotamia (Iraq), with 3,606,464 inhabitants on an area of 152,250 square miles. In the Pacific, the territories added to the Empire include Western Samoa, the Territory of New Guinea, the Bismarck archipelago and part of the Solomon islands, all of which were formerly German possessions. According to the most reliable estimates, the total area of these regions is 90,812 square miles with a population of 592,157.

Statistics of the area and population of the territories included in the British Empire in 1921 are given in Table 51, together with comparative figures of population for 1911.

51.—Area and Population of the British Empire, by Countries, 1911 and 1921.

(From the British Statistical Abstract, Statesman's Year Book and other sources. For foot-notes see end of table.)

Countries.	Area in square miles, 1921.	Population.	
		Census of 1911.	Census of 1921.
Europe.			
England and Wales ¹	58,340	36,070,492	37,885,242
Scotland.....	30,405	4,760,904	4,882,238
Northern Ireland.....	32,586	1,250,531	1,284,000 ²
Irish Free State.....		(3,139,688)	3,165,000 ⁴
Isle of Man.....	227	52,016	60,238
Channel Islands.....	75	96,899	89,614
Gibraltar.....	2	19,120	20,638
Malta ⁶	117	211,564	213,024
Total, Europe.....	121,752	45,601,214	47,600,044
Asia.			
Aden, including Perim.....	80	46,165	54,923
Socotra.....	1,382	12,000	12,000 ³
Borneo—			
British North Borneo.....	31,106	208,183	257,804
Brunei.....	4,000	21,718	25,454
Sarawak.....	42,000	500,000	600,000
Total, Borneo.....	77,106	729,901	883,258