

8.—Birthplaces.<sup>1</sup>

The nativity of the population of Canada, as at each of the six censuses since Confederation, is shown by Canadian-born, British-born, United States-born and other foreign-born in Table 21. The table shows that in 1871, 97·28 p.c. of the population were born under the British flag, while half a century later the percentage had declined to 89·87. 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 was at its minimum, 77·75. 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 7·84 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 4·25 p.c. in 1921. Other foreign-born increased from 0·87 p.c. in 1871 to 6·23 p.c. in 1911, but declined slightly to 5·88 p.c. of the total population in 1921, in spite of a numerical increase from 449,052 to 516,258.

## 21.—Birthplaces of the Population of Canada, according to the Censuses of 1871-1921.

Years.	Canadian-born.	British-born.	Foreign-born.		Total Population.	Percentages of 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 <sup>2</sup> ...	2,894,186	496,477	64,447	30,651	3,485,761	83·04	14·24	1·85	0·87
1881....	3,721,826	478,615	77,753	46,616	4,324,810	86·06	11·07	1·79	1·08
1891....	4,189,368	490,573	80,915	72,383	4,833,239	86·68	10·15	1·67	1·50
1901....	4,671,815	421,051	127,899	150,550	5,371,315	86·98	7·84	2·38	2·80
1911....	5,619,682	834,229	303,680	449,052	7,206,643	77·98	11·58	4·21	6·23
1921....	6,832,747	1,065,454	374,024	516,258	8,788,483	77·75	12·12	4·25	5·88

<sup>1</sup>Figures for 1871 include the four original provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick only.

The nativity of the 1921 population is indicated by sex in Table 22, 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.

<sup>2</sup>For more detailed information on this subject, see pp. 235-368 of Vol. II of the Census of 1921, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.