

3.—Population of Canada by Provinces and Territories in 1871 and 1921, and numerical increase in each decade from 1871 to 1921.

Provinces or Territories.	Population in 1871.	Increase in each decade from 1871 to 1921.					Population in 1921.	Increase, 1871 to 1921.
		1871 to 1881.	1881 to 1891.	1891 to 1901.	1901 to 1911.	1911 to 1921.		
P.E. Island.....	94,021	14,870	187	-5,819	-9,531	-5,113	88,615	-5,406
Nova Scotia.....	387,800	52,772	9,824	9,178	32,764	31,499	523,837	136,037
New Brunswick..	285,594	35,639	30	9,857	20,769	35,987	387,876	102,282
Quebec.....	1,191,516	167,511	129,508	160,363	356,878	355,423	2,361,199	1,169,683
Ontario.....	1,620,851	306,071	187,399	68,626	344,345	406,370	2,933,662	1,312,811
Manitoba.....	25,228	37,032	90,246	102,708	206,183	148,724	610,118	584,890
Saskatchewan.....	-	-	-	91,279	401,153	265,078	757,510	757,510
Alberta.....	-	-	-	73,022	301,273	214,159	588,454	588,454
British Columbia..	36,247	13,212	48,714	80,484	218,823	132,102	524,582	488,335
Yukon Territory..	-	-	-	27,219	-18,707	-4,355	4,157	4,157
Northwest Territories ¹	48,000	8,446	42,521	-78,838	-13,622	1,481	7,958	-40,012
Royal Canadian Navy.....	-	-	-	-	-	485	485	485
Canada.....	3,689,257	635,553	508,429	538,976	1,835,328	1,581,840	8,788,488	5,099,236

4.—Population of Canada by Provinces and Territories in 1871, and increase per cent by decades from 1871 to 1921.

Provinces or Territories.	Population in 1871.	Per cent increase by decades from 1871 to 1921.					Per cent increase in 50 years.
		1871 to 1881.	1881 to 1891.	1891 to 1901.	1901 to 1911.	1911 to 1921.	
Prince Edward Island.....	94,021	15.82	0.17	-5.33	-9.23	-5.46	-5.75
Nova Scotia.....	387,800	13.61	2.23	2.04	7.13	6.40	35.08
New Brunswick.....	285,594	12.48	0.01	3.07	6.27	10.23	35.82
Quebec.....	1,191,516	14.06	9.53	10.77	21.64	17.72	98.17
Ontario.....	1,620,851	18.88	9.73	3.25	15.77	16.08	80.99
Manitoba.....	25,228	146.79	144.95	67.34	80.79	32.23	2,318.42
Saskatchewan.....	-	-	-	-	439.48	53.88	-
Alberta.....	-	-	-	-	412.58	57.22	-
British Columbia..	36,247	36.45	98.49	81.98	119.68	33.66	1,347.24
Yukon Territory.....	-	-	-	-	-98.73	-51.16	-
Northwest Territories ¹	48,000	17.60	75.33	-79.66	-67.67	22.76	-85.36
Canada.....	3,689,257	17.23	11.76	11.13	34.17	21.95	138.22

¹The decreases shown in the population of the Northwest Territories since 1891 are due to the separation therefrom of immense areas to form the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory, as well as to extend the boundaries of the older provinces of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba.

Early Censuses.—The credit of taking the first census of modern times belongs to Canada. The year was 1665, the census that of the colony of New France. Still earlier records of settlement at Port Royal (1605) and Quebec (1608) are extant; but the census of 1665 was a systematic "nominal" enumeration of the people, taken on the *de jure* principle, on a fixed date, showing age, sex, occupation, and conjugal and family condition. A supplementary inquiry in 1667 included the areas under cultivation and the numbers of sheep and cattle. When it is recalled that in Europe the first census dates only from the eighteenth century (those of France and England from the first year of the nineteenth) and that in the United States the census begins only with 1790, the achievement of the primitive St. Lawrence colony in instituting what is to-day one of the principal instruments of government may call for more than passing appreciation.