

French-speaking Population.—French, the second official language of the Dominion, was spoken in 1921 by 1,997,074 persons of 10 years old and over, or 29.89 p.c. of the total population of these ages. Of these, 1,070,752 also spoke English as a second language, 4,838 spoke their mother tongue other than English as a second language and 43,970 spoke English as well as their mother tongue and French, while 877,514 spoke French only, being about 13 p.c. of the total population of 10 years old and over. Statistics of the French-speaking population are given by racial origins in Table 48, from which it appears that in 1921, 182,633 persons belonging to the British races, 13,196 Hebrews, 10,163 Belgians and 10,138 Italians were able to speak French.

48.—Numbers of the Population of 10 Years old and over able to speak French, by Racial Origins, 1921.

Racial origins.	English and French only.	French only.	Mother tongue and French.	Mother tongue and English and French.	Total able to speak French.
British races.....	176,870	4,664	11	1,088	182,633
French.....	878,850	869,872	175	1,382	1,750,280
Armenian.....	9	1	32	58	100
Austrian.....	157	13	44	965	1,179
Belgian.....	3,783	1,123	884	4,373	10,163
Bulgarian.....	11	3	2	49	65
Chinese.....	16	—	33	350	399
Czech.....	18	5	8	119	150
Danish.....	211	7	—	312	530
Dutch.....	1,087	18	22	723	1,850
Eskimo.....	—	—	—	—	—
Finnish.....	20	—	10	146	176
German.....	2,604	356	46	2,650	5,656
Greek.....	85	12	32	654	783
Hebrew.....	698	13	182	12,303	13,196
Hungarian.....	23	—	6	132	160
Icelandic.....	21	—	—	106	127
Indian.....	747	410	806	4,267	6,230
Italian.....	961	245	2,010	6,921	10,138
Japanese.....	1	—	1	69	71
Lithuanian.....	30	1	18	237	286
Negro.....	405	24	—	10	439
Norwegian.....	272	27	7	522	828
Polish.....	210	24	50	1,150	1,434
Rumanian.....	43	8	19	378	448
Russian.....	164	15	46	936	1,161
Serbo-Croatian.....	7	3	—	66	76
Swedish.....	266	11	10	517	804
Swiss.....	1,081	136	55	763	2,035
Syrian.....	123	34	261	1,606	2,024
Ukrainian.....	36	2	25	758	821
Unspecified.....	1,793	453	2	13	2,261
Various.....	150	33	42	846	971
Total.....	1,070,752	877,514	4,838	43,970	1,997,074

14.—Blind and Deaf-Mutes.

In recent censuses, questions have been inserted to secure particulars concerning the blind and the deaf-mutes in Canada, the instructions to enumerators in the 1921 census being as follows:—

“Blind.—Include as Blind any person who cannot see well enough to read even with the aid of glasses. The test in the case of infants and generally for persons under 14 must be whether they can distinguish forms and objects: the same test should be applied to older persons who are illiterate. Do not include any person who is blind in one eye only.”

“Deaf-mutes.—Include as Deaf-mutes (1) any child under 8 years of age who is totally deaf and (2) any older person who has been totally deaf from childhood. In general make a record only of persons