

15.—Quinquennial Census of the Prairie Provinces.

Under the Census and Statistics Act of 1905 and the Statistics Act of 1918, a census of the population and agriculture of the three Prairie Provinces was to be taken in 1906 and every tenth year thereafter, in addition to the decennial census of the whole Dominion. A census of the Prairie Provinces was, therefore, taken as of date June 1, 1926, and preliminary results are presented in Tables 52 and 53.

The total population of the Prairie Provinces at the date of the census was 2,067,378 as compared with 1,956,082 in 1921, being an increase of 111,296 or 5.69 p.c. The rural population increased during the quinquennial period from 1,252,604 to 1,313,681 and the urban population from 703,478 to 753,697. In considering the results of the census, it should be remembered that during the greater part of the quinquennial period, agriculture, the basic industry of the Prairie Provinces, was in a very depressed condition from which it has fortunately recovered.

52.—Summary of the Population of the Prairie Provinces, as shown by the Quinquennial Census of 1926, with comparative figures for 1921, 1916, 1911 and 1906.

Provinces.	Population in Census Years.					Increase 1926 over 1921.
	1926.	1921.	1916.	1911.	1906.	
Prairie Provinces—						
Manitoba.....	639,056	610,118	553,800	461,394	365,688	+ 28,938
Saskatchewan.....	820,738	757,510	647,835	492,432	257,763	+ 63,228
Alberta.....	607,584	588,454	496,442	374,295	185,195	+ 19,130
Total.....	2,067,378	1,956,082	1,698,137	1,328,121	908,646	+ 111,296
Total Rural.....	1,313,681	1,252,604	1,094,820	861,238	562,614	+ 61,077
Total Urban.....	753,697	703,478	603,317	466,883	246,032	+ 50,219

53.—Population of the Prairie Provinces, as shown by the Quinquennial Census of 1926, by Provinces, Electoral Districts and Cities, with comparative figures for 1921, 1916, 1911 and 1906.

NOTE.—Plus (+) indicates increase. Minus (−) indicates decrease.

Electoral districts and cities.	Population in Census Years.					Increase 1926 over 1921.
	1926.	1921.	1916.	1911.	1906.	
Manitoba.....	639,056	610,118	553,800	461,394	365,688	+ 28,938
Rural.....	360,861	348,502	315,117	263,125	225,556	+ 12,359
Urban.....	278,195	261,616	238,743	198,269	140,132	+ 16,579
Brandon.....	39,647	38,500	39,440	37,794	32,189	+ 1,147
Dauphin.....	37,220	38,607	30,811	25,023	20,443	+ 1,387
Lisgar.....	31,101	30,604	28,528	26,279	27,554	+ 497
Macdonald.....	31,726	31,877	28,068	27,366	25,504	+ 151
Marquette.....	37,150	34,482	32,056	28,243	24,489	+ 2,668
Neepawa.....	28,105	29,941	28,335	25,461	24,298	+ 1,836
Nelson.....	21,860	20,868	17,223	12,227	5,350	+ 992
Portage la Prairie.....	33,866	35,401	30,928	24,649	19,516	+ 1,595
Provencher.....	31,617	29,439	27,178	24,822	22,275	+ 2,178
Selkirk.....	42,663	41,265	37,510	27,398	20,632	+ 1,398
Souris.....	25,576	24,439	26,226	25,212	23,596	+ 1,137
Springfield.....	35,754	30,836	28,717	20,492	15,048	+ 4,913
St. Boniface.....	38,987	35,429	30,139	20,411	10,590	+ 3,558
Winnipeg North.....	57,042	52,473	47,690	40,809	32,195	+ 4,560
Winnipeg North Centre.....	39,646	39,142	35,386	27,206	92,195	+ 504
Winnipeg South.....	41,004	32,943	27,225	22,347	92,195	+ 8,061
Winnipeg South Centre.....	66,092	63,812	59,506	45,655	92,195	+ 2,280
Cities—						
Brandon.....	16,443	15,397	15,215	13,839	10,408	+ 1,046
Portage la Prairie.....	6,513	6,766	5,879	5,892	5,108	+ 253
St. Boniface.....	14,187	12,821	11,021	7,483	5,119	+ 1,366
Winnipeg.....	191,998	179,087	163,060	136,035	92,195	+ 12,911
Saskatchewan.....	820,738	757,510	647,835	492,432	257,763	+ 63,228
Rural.....	578,206	538,552	471,538	361,037	209,301	+ 39,654
Urban.....	242,532	218,958	176,297	131,395	48,462	+ 23,574