

A perspective of the actual relationship of the origin groups to the population as a whole is obtained by a study of Table 18 where the proportion which the people of each origin bear to total population is given for each census for which the figures are available. Here it is clearly seen that the relative position of the English group showed substantial improvement up to 1921 (when for the first time it superseded the French) but, for 1931, there was a decided check. The French group, on the other hand, which showed a gradual decline between 1871 and 1901 and a more pronounced one in 1911 and 1921, has improved its relative position considerably and in 1931 is once again the foremost single racial group.

Together the British and French groups now constitute 80 p.c. of the total population, compared with 83 p.c. in 1921 and 1911, 88 p.c. in 1901, 89 p.c. in 1881 and no less than 92 p.c. in 1871.

The pronounced decline after 1901 in the combined proportion of the two major racial groups, *viz.*, British and French, with a corresponding increase in ethnic stocks of minor importance, has in the main been due to the immigration of continental Europeans to Canada during the past thirty years. Altogether, the percentage of the total population of European racial origin, other than British and French, increased from 8.50 p.c. of the total in 1901, to 12.82 p.c. in 1911, to 14.16 p.c. in 1921, and to 17.59 p.c. in 1931.

Oriental immigration to Canada in the past thirty years has been responsible for the relative increase of the Chinese and Japanese racial groups from 0.41 p.c. in 1901 to 0.67 p.c. in 1931. In the same period the population of Negro origin has declined from 0.32 p.c. to 0.19 p.c. of the total, and that of Indian and Eskimo origin from 2.38 p.c. to 1.24 p.c.

The racial origin of the population of Canada, by provinces and territories, is given in Table 19 for the census of 1931.

#### 17.—Origins of the People according to the Censuses of 1871, 1881, 1901, 1911, 1921 and 1931.

NOTE.—Origins were not taken in the census of 1891. N.o.p.=Not otherwise provided for.

Origin.	1871. <sup>3</sup>	1881.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.
British—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
English.....	706,366	881,301	1,260,899	1,823,150	2,545,358	2,741,419
Irish.....	846,414	957,403	985,721	1,050,334	1,107,903	1,230,808
Scottish.....	549,846	689,863	800,154	997,880	1,173,625	1,346,850
Other.....	7,773	9,947	13,421	25,571	41,952	62,494
<b>Totals, British.....</b>	<b>2,110,502</b>	<b>2,548,514</b>	<b>3,063,195</b>	<b>3,896,965</b>	<b>4,868,738</b>	<b>5,381,071</b>
French.....	1,082,940	1,298,929	1,649,371	2,054,890	2,452,743	2,927,990
Austrian, n.o.p.....	-	-	10,947	42,535	167,671	48,639
Belgian.....	-	-	2,994	9,593	20,234	27,585
Bulgarian and Roumanian.....	-	-	354	5,875	15,235	32,216
Chinese.....	-	4,383	17,312	27,774	39,887	46,519
Czech (Bohemian and Moravian).....	-	-	-	-	8,840	30,401
Dutch.....	29,662	30,412	33,845	54,986	117,506	148,962
Finnish.....	-	-	2,502	15,487	21,494	43,885
German.....	202,991	254,319	310,501	398,320	294,635	473,544
Greek.....	-	-	291	3,594	5,740	9,444
Hebrew.....	125	667	16,131	75,651	128,196	156,726
Hungarian.....	-	-	1,549	11,605	13,181	40,582
Indian and Eskimo.....	23,037	108,547	127,941	105,492	113,724	128,890
Italian.....	1,035	1,849	10,834	45,411	69,769	98,173
Japanese.....	-	-	4,738	9,021	15,868	23,342
Negro.....	21,496	21,394	17,437	16,877	18,291	19,456
Polish.....	-	-	6,285	33,365	53,403	145,503
Russian.....	607	1,227	19,825	43,142	100,064	88,148
Scandinavian <sup>2</sup> .....	1,623	5,223	31,042	107,535	167,359	228,049
Ukrainian.....	-	-	5,682	74,963	106,721	225,113
Yugoslavian.....	-	-	-	-	3,906	16,174
Various.....	4,182	8,540	7,000	31,157	28,796	27,476
Unspecified.....	7,561	40,806	31,539	147,345	21,249	8,898
<b>Grand Totals.....</b>	<b>3,485,761</b>	<b>4,324,910</b>	<b>5,371,315</b>	<b>7,206,643</b>	<b>8,787,949</b>	<b>10,376,786</b>

For footnotes see end of Table 18, p. 119.