

... Following the participation of Canada in the Treaty of Versailles and in membership of the League of Nations, Canadian nationality was defined by Act of Parliament ('An Act to define Canadian Nationals and to provide for the Renunciation of Canadian Nationality', Chapter 21, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927), as including:—

"(a) any British subject who is a Canadian citizen within the meaning of the Immigration Act, Chapter 27 of the Statutes of 1910 as heretofore amended.

"(b) the wife of any such person;

"(c) any person born out of Canada, whose father was a Canadian National at the time of that person's birth, or with regard to persons born before the passing of this Act, any person whose father at the time of such birth possessed all the qualifications of a Canadian National as defined in this Act.

"In connection with the last paragraph it should be noted that a child of Canadian parents domiciled in a foreign country retains Canadian nationality up to the age of 21 years, and should he become domiciled in Canada prior to that age does not require to be naturalized.

"It is proper to use the term 'Canadian' when the information furnished by the individual conforms to the foregoing definitions and explanations."

The Progress of Naturalization.—The foreign-born residents of Canada numbered 1,122,695 in 1931 as compared with 890,277 in 1921, 752,732 in 1911 and 278,449 in 1901; among these the naturalized numbered 614,971 in 1931, 514,179 in 1921, 344,557 in 1911 and 153,908 in 1901, or 54.78 p.c., 57.75 p.c., 45.77 p.c. and 55.27 p.c. respectively. Alien residents in Canada showed an absolute decline between 1911 and 1921 of from 408,175 to 376,098, i.e., from 5.66 p.c. of the population to 4.28 p.c. Between 1921 and 1931, they increased to 507,724, or 4.89 p.c. of the 1931 population. Among the foreign-born residents of Canada the United States born exceed those born in any other country, although by continental groups the Europeans are more numerous. Between 1921 and 1931 the U.S. born declined from 374,022 to 344,574, but there was a substantial net increase in the total foreign born due to the large increase of Europeans. On the other hand, the percentage of the U.S. born who are naturalized to total U.S. born has increased from 63.63 in 1921 to 72.44 in 1931, whereas the percentage of Europeans who are naturalized has fallen from 57.88 in 1921 to 49.13 in 1931.

Table 25 gives details of the naturalized and alien persons among the foreign-born residents of Canada. The table is divided into pre-war and post-war sections and, while the general totals are comparable throughout the thirty years, the individual totals for those European countries whose boundaries underwent change following the War are not comparable as between the 1901-11 and 1921-31 periods.

25.—Naturalized and Alien Persons among the Foreign-Born Residents of Canada, by Countries of Birth, Numbers and Percentages, 1901, 1911, 1921 and 1931.

Country of Birth.	PRE-WAR PERIOD.									
	1901.					1911.				
	Total Foreign Born.	Naturalized.		Alien.		Total Foreign Born.	Naturalized.		Alien.	
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
Austria-Hungary	28,407	9,320	32.81	19,087	67.19	121,430	60,949	50.19	60,481	49.81
Belgium	2,280	1,296	56.84	984	43.16	7,975	3,265	40.94	4,710	59.06
China	17,043	668	3.92	16,375	96.08	27,083	2,578	9.52	24,505	90.48
Denmark	2,075	1,301	62.70	774	37.30	4,937	2,350	47.78	2,587	52.22
France	7,944	4,975	62.63	2,969	37.37	17,819	8,911	50.58	8,908	49.42
Germany	27,300	20,883	76.49	6,417	23.51	39,577	23,283	58.83	16,294	41.17
Greece	213	95	44.60	118	55.40	2,640	476	18.03	2,164	81.97
Holland	385	198	51.43	187	48.57	3,808	1,128	29.62	2,680	70.38
Iceland	6,067	4,013	66.25	2,044	33.75	7,109	5,864	82.49	1,245	17.51
Italy	6,854	1,692	24.69	5,162	75.31	34,739	6,900	19.86	27,839	80.14
Japan	4,674	1,062	22.72	3,612	77.28	8,425	1,898	22.53	6,527	77.47
Norway and Sweden	10,256	6,094	59.42	4,162	40.58	49,194	21,891	44.50	27,303	55.50
Roumania and Bulgaria	1,066	378	35.46	688	64.54	9,657	3,755	38.88	5,902	61.12
Russia	31,231	11,394	36.48	19,837	63.52	100,971	43,887	43.46	57,084	56.54
Turkey and Syria	1,579	481	30.46	1,098	69.54	4,768	1,889	39.62	2,879	60.38
United States	127,899	87,049	68.06	40,850	31.94	303,680	152,308	50.15	151,372	49.85
Other Countries	3,186	3,009	94.44	177	5.56	9,120	3,216	35.26	5,904	64.74
Totals	278,449	153,908	55.27	124,541	44.73	752,732	344,557	45.77	408,175	54.23