

continental United States increased between 1920 and 1930 from 105,710,620 to 122,775,046, an increase of 16·1 p.c., as compared with 14·9 p.c. in the decade 1910-20 and 21 p.c. in the decade 1900-10.

Considering now the movement of population within the Dominion of Canada itself, it is evident from Table 1 that in this country, as formerly in the United States, there is a distinct movement of population from east to west. In the decade from 1911 to 1921 this was clearly apparent, for the four western provinces then increased their population by no less than 44 p.c. and for the decade 1921-31 the increase was from 2,480,664 to 3,047,792, or 22·86 p.c. From 1921 to 1931 the five eastern provinces increased from 6,294,655 to 7,315,041, an increase of 1,020,386 persons, which, though absolutely larger than the figure for the West, constitutes an increase of only 16·2 p.c. over the 1921 population. The same conclusion may be deduced from Table 2, which shows that while in 1871 only 2·97 p.c. and in 1881 only 3·89 p.c. of the population of the country dwelt west of the lake of the Woods, the percentage in 1891 was 7·23; in 1901, 12·02; in 1911, 24·08; in 1921, 28·37; and in 1931, 29·51.

On the other hand, the Maritime Provinces, which in 1871 contained 20·80 p.c. of the total population of the Dominion, had in 1881 20·13 p.c., in 1891 18·22 p.c., in 1901 16·64 p.c., in 1911 13·02 p.c., in 1921 11·38 p.c., and in 1931 only 9·72 p.c. of the population. Ontario and Quebec—the old pre-Confederation Province of Canada—still remain the chief centre of population. Their proportion of the total was 60·77 p.c. in 1931, as compared with 76·23 p.c. in 1871, 75·98 p.c. in 1881, 74·54 p.c. in 1891, 71·34 p.c. in 1901, 62·90 p.c. in 1911 and 60·25 p.c. in 1921. In other words, the net result of the sixty years has been that in 1931 three-fifths of the population of the Dominion lived in these provinces as compared with more than three-fourths in 1871.

Table 5 gives the population of each county and census division for each of the census years, 1871 to 1931.

5.—Population of Canada, by Provinces and Counties, or Census Divisions, 1871-1931.

Province and County.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>3,689,257</b>	<b>4,324,810</b>	<b>4,833,239</b>	<b>5,371,315</b>	<b>7,206,643</b>	<b>8,787,949<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>10,376,786</b>
<b>P.E. Island</b> .....	<b>94,021</b>	<b>108,891</b>	<b>109,078</b>	<b>103,259</b>	<b>93,728</b>	<b>88,615</b>	<b>88,038</b>
Kings.....	23,068	26,433	26,633	24,725	22,636	20,445	19,147
Prince.....	28,302	34,347	36,470	35,400	32,779	31,520	31,500
Queens.....	42,651	48,111	45,975	43,134	38,313	36,650	37,391
<b>Nova Scotia</b> .....	<b>387,800</b>	<b>440,572</b>	<b>450,396</b>	<b>459,574</b>	<b>492,338</b>	<b>523,837</b>	<b>512,846</b>
Annapolis.....	18,121	20,598	19,350	18,842	18,581	18,153	16,297
Antigonish.....	16,512	18,060	16,114	13,617	11,962	11,580	10,073
Cape Breton.....	26,454	31,258	34,244	49,166	73,330	86,296	92,419
Colchester.....	23,331	26,720	27,160	24,900	23,664	25,196	25,051
Cumberland.....	23,518	27,368	34,529	36,168	40,543	41,191	36,366
Digby.....	17,037	19,881	19,897	20,322	20,167	19,612	18,353
Guysborough.....	16,555	17,808	17,195	18,320	17,048	15,518	15,443
Halifax.....	56,963	67,917	71,358	74,662	80,257	97,228	100,204
Hants.....	21,301	23,359	22,052	20,056	19,703	19,739	19,393
Inverness.....	23,415	25,651	25,779	24,353	25,571	23,808	21,055
Kings.....	21,510	23,469	22,489	21,937	21,780	23,723	24,357
Lunenburg.....	23,834	28,583	31,075	32,389	33,260	33,742	31,674
Pictou.....	32,114	35,535	34,541	33,459	35,858	40,851	39,018
Queens.....	10,554	10,577	10,610	10,226	10,106	9,944	10,612
Richmond.....	14,268	15,121	14,399	13,515	13,273	12,577	11,098
Shelburne.....	12,417	14,913	14,956	14,202	14,105	13,491	12,485
Victoria.....	11,346	12,470	12,432	10,571	9,910	8,814	8,009
Yarmouth.....	18,550	21,284	22,216	22,869	23,220	22,374	20,939

<sup>1</sup>Includes personnel of Royal Canadian Navy.