

18.—Quartile and Decile Ages of the Populations of Canada at each of the Decennial Censuses, by Sex, 1881-1931.

Position in Array by Age.	1881.		1891.		1901.		1911.		1921.		1931.	
	Males	Fe- males	Males	Fe- males	Males	Fe- males	Males	Fe- males	Males	Fe- males	Males	Fe- males
First Quartile Yrs.....	9.27	9.32	10.07	9.98	10.76	10.47	11.49	10.23	10.73	10.20	12.10	11.50
Second " " .....	20.05	20.05	21.54	21.28	22.91	22.37	24.51	22.89	24.74	23.19	25.48	24.07
Third " " .....	36.48	35.68	38.03	37.34	39.89	39.28	39.46	39.20	41.36	39.88	43.54	42.03
First Decile Yrs.....	3.62	3.66	4.00	3.97	4.20	4.08	4.21	3.80	4.25	4.07	4.95	4.72
Second " " .....	7.35	7.39	8.02	7.96	8.54	8.30	8.93	8.03	8.50	8.13	9.64	9.19
Third " " .....	11.29	11.37	12.24	12.16	13.07	12.75	14.16	12.68	13.18	12.55	14.57	13.85
Fourth " " .....	15.50	15.65	16.71	16.59	17.82	17.42	19.55	17.69	18.52	17.55	19.68	18.68
Fifth " " .....	20.05	20.05	21.54	21.28	22.91	22.37	24.51	22.89	24.74	23.19	25.48	24.07
Sixth " " .....	25.20	24.89	27.03	26.52	28.81	28.08	29.61	28.52	31.25	29.34	32.27	30.59
Seventh " " .....	32.18	31.53	33.88	33.20	35.95	35.18	35.78	35.18	37.84	36.22	39.69	38.04
Eighth " " .....	41.38	40.37	42.79	42.11	44.35	43.89	43.81	43.82	45.36	44.27	47.60	46.39
Ninth " " .....	54.05	52.89	55.11	54.43	56.26	56.14	54.91	55.52	56.25	55.93	57.91	57.63

### Section 5.—Racial Origins.

In six out of the seven censuses of Canada since Confederation the racial origin of each person has been secured, the exception being in 1891. The object of this information is to ascertain from what basic ethnic stocks the Canadian population, more particularly the recently immigrated population, is derived. The answer "Canadian" is not accepted under this heading, as the purpose of the question is to obtain, in so far as possible, a definition of "Canadian" in terms of racial derivation. Of this procedure of the census, criticism has been received on two main grounds: (a) that there are Canadians whose family is of several generations residence in the country who may not know their ultimate racial origin, or who may be of very mixed racial origin; (b) that the practice tends to perpetuate racial distinctions which it is desirable to obliterate. As against these criticisms the following three points must be considered: (a) that the Canadian whose family is of three or more generations residence is enumerated and differentiated through the question on the birth place of parents above described; (b) that notwithstanding the desirability of racial assimilation, there are special features in connection with the process that require appraisalment and study—for example, 271 children of Chinese fathers and 842 of Japanese fathers were born in Canada in 1931. Again, the fact that the constitution of Canada is based on the presence of two dominant races points to the desirability of a measurement of these factors: only recently it has been widely pointed out that the original French colony, numbering 75,000 at the date of the Conquest, has expanded to over three millions to-day. Measurements of this kind would be impossible if the answer "Canadian" instead of "French" were accepted under the heading of racial origin, yet undoubtedly if the descendants of the original French colonists are not "Canadians", no one is; (c) finally, racial origin is an important subject for study in a "new" country like Canada from a