

18.—Citizenship of Native-Born, British-Born and Foreign-Born Residents in Canada in 1931, by Sex, According to Allegiance—concluded.

Nationality.	FOREIGN BORN.									
	Total. ¹	Continental European Born.			Born in Asia.			United States Born.		
		Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.
Canadian nationals	614,971	351,013	197,043	153,970	12,119	7,826	4,293	249,595	118,104	131,491
Aliens.....	507,724	363,449	241,140	122,309	48,489	44,349	4,140	94,979	57,036	37,943
European ²	363,754	358,198	238,366	119,832	330	179	151	4,822	1,991	2,831
Asiatic.....	48,072	63	18	45	47,935	44,047	3,888	64	27	37
United States....	94,984	4,726	2,447	2,279	102	53	49	90,069	55,009	35,060
Other.....	914	462	309	153	122	70	52	24	9	15
Totals.										
Foreign Born....	1,122,695	714,462	438,183	276,279	60,608	52,175	8,433	344,574	175,140	169,434

¹This column includes foreign-born persons born in places other than continental Europe, Asia or the United States. ²The European country of allegiance was given at p. 143 of the 1934-35 Year Book.

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 continental Europeans who are naturalized has fallen from 57.88 in 1921 to 49.13 in 1931.

Section 9.—Language Spoken and Mother Tongue.

Official Languages.—In the Census of 1931 1,322,370 persons were reported as speaking both the official languages of Canada, 6,999,913 speaking English, 1,779,338 speaking French and 275,165 as unable to speak either English or French. In Table 19 the population is classified by racial origin and as able to speak one, both or neither of the official languages. (Children under 5 years of age are classed as speaking the language of the home.)

Mother Tongue.—By mother tongue is meant the language learned in childhood and still spoken by the individual. In the case of foreign-born persons it is the native language or the language spoken before coming to Canada. Table 20 giving the mother tongue by provinces shows that 1,630,086 persons did not have either English or French as a mother tongue. The largest number speaking a foreign language as a mother tongue is in Ontario with 398,476 but the largest percentage is in Saskatchewan with 39 p.c.