

All the larger cities have in their neighbourhoods growing "satellite" towns or other densely settled areas in close economic relationship with the central municipality. This phenomenon is to-day of increasing importance largely as a result of the greater ease and speed of transportation by motor vehicle. It has, therefore, been considered advisable to calculate the total populations resident in what the United States census authorities call the "metropolitan areas". On this basis the total populations of the larger cities at the Census of 1931 were as follows: "Greater Montreal", 1,000,159; "Greater Toronto", 808,864; "Greater Vancouver", 308,340; "Greater Winnipeg", 280,202; "Greater Ottawa" (including Hull), 175,988; "Greater Quebec", 166,435; "Greater Hamilton", 163,710; "Greater Windsor", 110,385; "Greater Halifax", 74,161; and "Greater Saint John", 55,611.

21.—Rural and Urban Populations, by Provinces and Territories, Decennial Censuses 1891-1931 and Numerical Increases 1921-31.

Province or Territory.	1891.		1901.		1911.	
	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.
Prince Edward Island.....	94,823	14,255	88,304	14,955	78,758	14,970
Nova Scotia.....	373,403	76,993	330,191	129,383	306,210	186,128
New Brunswick.....	272,362	48,901	253,835	77,285	252,342	99,547
Quebec.....	988,820	499,715	994,833	654,065	1,038,934 ⁵	966,842 ⁵
Ontario.....	1,295,323	818,998	1,246,969	935,978	1,198,803 ⁴	1,328,489
Manitoba.....	111,498	41,008	184,775 ³	70,436 ³	261,029 ⁴	200,365
Saskatchewan.....	1	—	77,013 ⁶	14,266 ⁶	361,037 ⁶	131,395 ⁶
Alberta.....	1	—	54,489	18,533	236,633 ²	137,662 ²
British Columbia.....	60,945	37,228	88,478	90,179	188,796	203,684
Yukon.....	1	—	18,077	9,142	4,647	3,865
Northwest Territories.....	1	—	20,129	—	6,507 ⁴	—
Royal Canadian Navy.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canada.....	3,296,141	1,537,098	3,357,093	2,014,222	3,933,696	3,272,947

Province or Territory.	1921.		1931.		Numerical Increases in Decade 1921-31.	
	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.
Prince Edward Island.....	69,522	19,093	67,653	20,385	-1,869	1,292
Nova Scotia.....	296,799	227,038	281,192	231,654	-15,607	4,616
New Brunswick.....	263,432	124,444	279,279	128,940	15,847	4,496
Quebec.....	1,038,096	1,322,569	1,060,649	1,813,606	22,553	491,037
Ontario.....	1,227,030	1,706,632	1,335,691	2,095,992	108,661	389,360
Manitoba.....	348,502	261,616	384,170	315,969	35,668	54,353
Saskatchewan.....	538,552	218,958	630,880	290,905	92,328	71,947
Alberta.....	365,550	222,904	453,097	278,508	87,547	55,604
British Columbia.....	277,020	247,562	299,524	394,739 ⁷	22,504	147,177
Yukon.....	2,851	1,306	2,870	1,360	19	54
Northwest Territories.....	7,988	—	9,723	—	1,735	—
Royal Canadian Navy.....	485	—	—	—	—	—
Canada.....	4,435,827	4,352,122	4,804,728	5,572,058	368,901	1,219,936

¹The population (98,967) in territory now comprised in the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and in Yukon and the Northwest Territories was classified as rural in the Census of 1891. ²Vol. 1, Census 1911, places the urban population of Alberta for that year at 141,937. Included in this figure was the population (5,250) of twelve places which, according to the Report of the Municipal Commissioner for Alberta, were not then incorporated. The places so included were Aetna, Banff, Bankhead, Bellevue, Bickerdike, Canmore, Cardiff, Exshaw, Hillcrest, Passburg, Queenston and Elmpark. The correction resulting from this and from other small adjustments consequent upon more definite knowledge as to incorporated areas, places the urban population for 1911 at 137,662. Similar corrections have been made in the urban and rural figures for the Census of 1901. ³As corrected in Census Report, Prairie Provinces, 1916. ⁴As changed by Extension of Boundaries Act, 1912. ⁵The urban population of 970,791, shown in Volume 1, Census 1911, is reduced to 966,842 by the transfer of the populations of Maniwaki, Martinville, Moisie, St Bruno, St. Martin and St. Vincent de Paul from urban to rural; by adjustments in area of the villages of St. Anne and Ste. Geneviève; and Extension of Boundaries Act, 1912. ⁶Urban and rural population for 1911 and 1901 are as corrected in Census Report, Prairie Provinces, 1916. ⁷This includes South Vancouver and Point Grey, with 1921 populations of 32,267 and 13,736 respectively, which were then classified as 'rural'. ⁸Members of the Royal Canadian Navy were counted at their homes in the Census of 1931.