

Section 16.—Quinquennial Census of the Prairie Provinces.

The latest census of the Prairie Provinces was that taken as of June 1, 1936. The 1937 edition of the Year Book, at pp. 146-152, showed statistics covering the population of each province, by electoral districts, sex, conjugal condition, age distribution, racial origin, birthplace, and by rural or urban habitation. Unfortunately, at the June 1 enumeration a small area in Saskatchewan with 654 inhabitants was not covered and had to be enumerated later. The 1936 figures as published for Saskatchewan in the 1937 Year Book should therefore be corrected by adding 654 to the total rural population there published. An adjustment is also to be made to the urban population by deducting 98 on account of disorganized urban centres; this is also to be added to the rural. The total difference to the rural population is therefore an addition of 752 and that to the urban a deduction of 98, the net result being an addition to the provincial total of 654. Normally the tables would have been republished in this edition, but the error was not apparent until most of the Year Book had been 'made-up'. In Volumes I and II of the 1936 Census, the figures are published in final form.

As the composition of the population of the three provinces, taken as a unit, cross classified according to racial origin and birthplace, is of general interest, the following table has been specially compiled for the Year Book. It shows the birthplaces of both the rural and urban populations for each of the principal racial strains making up the population of the Prairie Provinces. Of the total population of 2,415,545, the number of persons of British racial origin was 1,189,612 or 49.2 p.c., of whom 1,120,242, or 94 p.c. (46.4 p.c. of the total) were born in Canada or in other British lands. The percentage born in Canada was 75. The population of French origin numbered 137,778, or 5.7 p.c. of the total, the great majority being Canadian-born.

Other important elements in the population are the German, Ukrainian, and Scandinavian racial strains, amounting to 12.8 p.c., 9.4 p.c., and 6.8 p.c., respectively. By place of birth, the population is divided as follows: Canada, 1,648,490, or 68.3 p.c.; other British countries, 275,820, or 11.4 p.c.; U.S.A. 152,908, or 6.3 p.c.; and other foreign countries, 338,327, or 14.0 p.c. From the information presented below, the reader will be able to make further analyses, according to the particular phase of the subject in which he may be interested.

23.—Rural and Urban Population of the Prairie Provinces, by Racial Origin, Birthplace, and Sex, as at June 1, 1936.

Racial Origin.	Born in Canada.		Born in Other British Countries.		Born in the United States.		Born in Other Foreign Countries.	
	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.
British—								
English.....M.	108,158	85,101	45,732	46,499	10,913	4,984	179	129
F.	93,496	90,668	32,557	41,904	8,771	6,164	97	146
Irish.....M.	67,164	44,003	7,598	7,940	8,004	3,534	31	30
F.	53,120	45,717	4,842	6,644	5,822	3,796	14	23
Scottish.....M.	72,027	56,671	19,148	21,239	5,394	2,626	43	53
F.	59,041	58,586	13,210	19,345	3,846	2,836	25	56
Other.....M.	3,506	3,106	2,461	2,147	737	339	29	15
F.	2,944	2,927	1,250	1,491	401	293	24	16
French.....M.	46,050	16,617	94	101	3,660	1,310	2,928	947
F.	39,714	18,086	73	96	3,079	1,897	2,088	1,038
Austrian.....M.	3,634	1,432	5	4	126	25	2,665	1,312
F.	3,199	1,693	-	2	88	47	1,590	943
Belgian.....M.	2,950	746	3	3	127	24	2,440	867
F.	2,769	865	4	5	104	32	1,647	738
Czech and Slovak.....M.	2,479	936	6	2	410	106	3,277	1,222
F.	2,189	956	-	1	282	129	1,873	698