

A perspective of the percentage relationship of the origin groups to the population as a whole was given in tabular form for the censuses 1871 to 1931 at p. 123 of the 1934-35 Year Book. Table 14, below, gives the actual figures for the same years.

Together, the British and French groups constituted, in 1931, 80 p.c. of the total population, compared with 83 p.c. in 1921 and 1911, 88 p.c. in 1901, 89 p.c. in 1881 and no less than 92 p.c. in 1871. The immigration of continental Europeans to Canada during the past thirty years has, of course, been the cause of this decline.

14.—Origins of the People, Census Years, 1871-1931.

NOTE.—Origins were not taken in the Census of 1891. See also headnote to Table 11.

Origin.	1871. ¹	1881.	1901.	1911. ²	1921.	1931.
British—						
English.....	706,369	881,301	1,260,899	1,871,268	2,545,358	2,741,419
Irish.....	846,414	987,408	988,721	1,074,738	1,107,803	1,230,808
Scottish.....	549,946	689,863	800,154	1,027,015	1,178,625	1,346,350
Other.....	7,773	9,947	13,431	26,060	41,952	62,494
Totals, British.....	2,110,502	2,548,514	3,063,195	3,999,081	4,868,738	5,381,071
French	1,082,940	1,298,929	1,649,371	2,061,719	2,452,743	2,927,990
Austrian, <i>n.o.p.</i>	-	-	10,947	44,036	107,671	48,639
Belgian.....	-	-	2,984	9,664	30,234	27,585
Bulgarian and Roumanian.....	-	-	354	5,883	15,235	32,216
Chinese.....	-	4,383	17,312	27,831	39,587	46,519
Czech (Bohemian and Moravian).....	-	-	-	-	8,840	30,401
Dutch.....	29,662	30,412	33,845	55,961	117,505	148,982
Finnish.....	-	-	2,502	15,500	21,494	43,885
German.....	202,991	254,319	310,501	403,417	294,635	473,544
Greek.....	-	-	291	3,614	5,740	9,444
Hebrew.....	125	667	16,131	76,199	126,196	156,726
Hungarian.....	-	-	1,549	11,648	13,181	40,582
Indian and Eskimo ³	23,037	108,547	127,941	105,611	113,724	123,890
Italian.....	1,035	1,849	10,834	45,963	66,760	98,173
Japanese.....	-	-	4,738	9,067	15,888	23,342
Negro.....	21,496	21,394	17,437	16,994	18,291	19,456
Polish.....	-	-	6,285	33,662	53,403	145,503
Russian.....	607	1,227	19,825	44,376	100,064	88,148
Scandinavian ⁴	1,623	5,223	31,042	112,632	167,359	228,049
Ukrainian.....	-	-	5,682	75,432	106,721	225,113
Yugoslavian.....	-	-	-	-	3,906	16,174
Various.....	4,182	8,540	7,000	31,381	28,796	27,476
Unspecified.....	7,561	40,806	31,539	16,932	21,249	8,888
Grand Totals.....	3,435,761	4,324,819	5,371,315	7,206,643	8,787,949	10,376,786

¹ The figures for 1871 cover the four original provinces of Canada only. ² Figures for individual origins revised by the redistribution of 130,413 "Unspecified" since the publication of the 1938 Year Book. ³ Incomplete in 1871; includes "half-breeds" in 1901. ⁴ Includes Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian, and Swedish; in 1921 they numbered, respectively, 21,124, 15,876, 68,856, and 61,503; in 1931, 34,118, 19,382, 93,243, and 81,306.

Section 6.—Religions.

At each of the censuses from 1871 to 1931 every inhabitant of Canada has been asked to state the religious body of which he is a member or an adherent. During the sixty-year period there have been various fluctuations in the proportions of the population belonging to the leading religious bodies, and these fluctuations are, in a new country like this, largely occasioned by the religious affiliations of immigrants.

Throughout the sixty-year period something like two-fifths of the population of Canada has been of the Roman Catholic faith, the 1931 percentage, inclusive of Greek Catholics, being 41.30. Methodists were 16.27 p.c. of the population in 1871 but fell to 13.19 p.c. in 1921, while Presbyterians increased from 15.63 p.c. in 1871 to 16.04 p.c. in 1921, being reinforced by a considerable immigration from Scotland after the beginning of the century. The fusion of the Methodists