

15.—Religions of the People at each Decennial Census, 1871-1931—concluded.

Religion.	1871. ¹	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.
Protestant.....	10,146	6,519	12,253	11,612	30,265	30,753	23,296
Roman Catholic.....	1,492,029	1,791,982	1,992,017	2,229,600	2,833,041	3,389,626	4,285,358 ²
Salvation Army.....	—	—	15,949	19,308	18,834	24,733	30,716
Unitarian.....	2,275	2,126	1,777	1,934	3,224	4,926	4,445
United Church.....	—	—	—	—	—	8,728 ⁴	2,017,375 ⁴
All other (various).....	35,035	21,382	46,030	16,427	26,383	31,270	54,164
Not given.....	17,055	85,769	80,267	43,222	32,490	19,259	16,942
Totals.....	3,485,761	4,324,810	4,833,339	5,371,315	7,296,643	8,787,949	10,376,786

¹The figures for 1871 cover the four original provinces of Canada only. ²Including Tunkers.
³Mennonites were included with Baptists prior to 1901. ⁴Practically all Methodists and Congregationalists and a large number of Presbyterians united to form the United Church of Canada in 1925, although a relatively small number reported themselves as "United Church" in 1921, chiefly in Western Canada where the movement towards union began. ⁵In earlier censuses only small numbers were involved, and Greek Catholics and Greek Orthodox were included under the general term "Greek Church". A rapid increase of both Greek Catholics and Greek Orthodox has been shown for recent censuses and, since the former owe obedience to the Pope in matters of faith, they have been included with the Roman Catholics for 1931. ⁶Included with "All other" religions for 1891. ⁷Including 186,654 Greek Catholics (see footnote 5).

In 1931, for the first time in the history of the Dominion Census, the religions of the people were cross-classified according to racial origin. The results, for Canada as a whole, were shown at pp. 116-117 of the 1936 Year Book.

Section 7.—Birthplaces.

The birthplaces of the population of Canada, as at each of the seven censuses, are shown by Canadian born, other British born, and foreign born (United States born and other foreign born), in Table 16. The table shows that, in 1871, 97·28 p.c. of the population was born under the British flag, while sixty years later the percentage had declined to 89·18. The proportion of Canadian born increased steadily until the opening of the century, but has declined as a result of the increase of immigration after 1900. The Census of 1931 showed declines in the proportions of other British born and United States born as compared with 1921 but an increase in the percentage of other foreign born; the proportion of Canadian born has remained practically unchanged.

Worthy of note is the fairly steady increase of population born in the United States from 1·85 p.c. in 1871 to 4·25 p.c. in 1921, and the subsequent decline to 3·32 p.c. in 1931. Other foreign born increased from 0·87 p.c. in 1871 to 6·23 p.c. in 1911, declined to 5·87 p.c. of the total population by 1921 but, as already noted, increased substantially to 7·50 p.c. by 1931.

16.—Birthplaces of the Population of Canada, by Numbers and Percentages, According to the Censuses of 1871-1931.

Year.	Canadian Born.	Other British Born. ¹	Foreign Born.		Total Population.	Percentages of Total Population.			
			Born in United States.	Born in other Foreign Countries.		Canadian Born.	Other British Born.	Foreign Born.	
								Born in United States.	Other Foreign Born.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	
1871.....	2,894,591	496,502	64,447	30,221	3,485,761	83·04	14·24	1·85	0·87
1881.....	3,721,826	478,615	77,753	46,616	4,324,810	86·06	11·07	1·60	1·06
1891.....	4,189,368	490,573	80,915	72,883	4,833,239	86·68	10·15	1·67	1·50
1901.....	4,671,815	421,051	127,899	150,550	5,371,315	86·98	7·84	2·38	2·80
1911.....	5,619,682	854,229	308,880	449,082	7,206,643	77·98	11·58	4·21	6·23
1921.....	6,832,224	1,065,445	374,022	516,255	8,787,949	77·75	12·13	4·25	5·87
1931.....	8,069,261	1,184,830	344,574	775,121	10,376,786	77·76	11·42	3·32	7·50

¹ Includes some hundreds of persons born at sea.