

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

NOTE.—Origins were not taken in the Census of 1891. Dashes in this table indicate that data were not reported under the respective headings.

Origin	1871 ¹	1881	1901	1911	1921	1931
British—						
English.....	706,369	881,301	1,260,899	1,871,268	2,545,358	2,741,419
Irish.....	846,414	957,403	988,721	1,074,738	1,107,803	1,230,808
Scottish.....	549,946	699,863	800,154	1,027,015	1,173,625	1,346,350
Other.....	7,773	9,947	13,421	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.....	-	-	2,994	9,664	20,234	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	148,962
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 ²	23,037	108,547	127,941	105,611	113,724	128,890
Italian.....	1,035	1,849	10,834	45,963	66,769	98,173
Japanese.....	-	-	4,738	9,067	15,868	23,342
Negro.....	21,496	21,394	17,437	16,994	18,291	19,456
Polish.....	-	-	6,285	33,652	53,403	145,503
Russian.....	607	1,227	19,825	44,376	100,064	88,148
Scandinavian ³	1,623	5,223	31,042	112,682	167,359	223,049
Ukrainian.....	-	-	5,682	75,432	106,721	225,113
Yugoslavic.....	-	-	-	-	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	8,898
Grand Totals.....	3,485,761	4,324,810	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 Incomplete in 1871; includes "half-breeds" in 1901. ³ 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. Fluctuations in religious affiliations from decade to decade are, in a new country, largely occasioned by the religions 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, being reinforced by a considerable immigration from Scotland after the beginning of the century, increased from 15.63 p.c. in 1871 to 16.04 p.c. in 1921. The union of the Methodists and Congregationalists, in 1925, with a large section of the Presbyterians, as the United Church of Canada, made that body the second largest religious body in the Dominion in 1931 with 19.44 p.c. of the population. The Presbyterians who did not adhere to the United Church of Canada amounted to 8.39 p.c. of the population in 1931. The proportion of Anglicans in the population of Canada increased from 14.17 p.c. in 1871 to 16.02 p.c. in 1921, owing to a large immigration from the British Isles. This was followed by a slight falling-off to 15.76 p.c. in 1931. The Baptists have shown a fairly steady decline from 6.87 p.c. in 1871 to 4.27 p.c. in 1931.