

Section 7.—Birthplaces

Table 15 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, had increased substantially to 7·50 p.c. by 1931.

15.—Birthplaces of the Population of Canada, by Numbers and Percentages, Census Years, 1871-1931

Year	Canadian Born	Other British Born ¹	Foreign Born		Total Popula- tion	Percentages of Total Population			
			Born in United States	Born Else- where		Canadian Born	Other British Born	Foreign Born	
								Born in United States	Born Else- where
	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	1.80	1.08
1891....	4,189,368	490,573	80,915	72,383	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	834,229	303,680	449,052	7,206,643	77.98	11.58	4.21	6.23
1921....	6,832,224	1,065,448	374,022	516,255	8,787,949	77.75	12.13	4.25	5.87
1931....	8,069,261	1,184,830	344,574	778,121	10,376,786	77.76	11.42	3.32	7.50

¹ Includes some hundreds of persons born at sea.

The birthplaces of the 1931 population are tabulated for the various provinces and territories, by sex, at p. 118 of the 1936 Year Book. In the Maritime Provinces, the population is shown by the Census of 1931 to be about 93 p.c. native born, and in Quebec about 91 p.c. In Ontario, however, the proportion sinks to about 77 p.c., in Manitoba to about 66 p.c., in Saskatchewan to about 65 p.c., in Alberta to about 58 p.c., and in British Columbia to about 54 p.c.

At pp. 133-140, inclusive, of the 1934-35 Year Book, a very complete analysis is given of the birthplaces of the Canadian people. Tables there published show: population classified by province of residence and province of birth; population, for each province, classified by nativity of parents; Canadian born classified according to nativity of parents, by racial origin; and rural and urban population, other than Canadian born, classified according to year of arrival in Canada.

Section 8.—Rural and Urban Population

For the purposes of the census the population residing in cities, towns, and incorporated villages has been defined as urban, and that outside of such localities as rural. In Canada, the laws of the various provinces differ in regard to the population necessary before a municipality may be incorporated as urban (the laws