

Centres of Population.*—The centre of population for the Dominion of Canada was carefully worked out for each census from 1851 to 1931, inclusive, and showed a definite north-westward movement up to 1911, westward for the next decade, and northward for 1931. For the censuses of 1851 to 1881 the location was near Valleyfield, Que.; in 1891, it was 25 miles west of Ottawa; in 1901, near Pembroke; in 1911, 45 miles west of Sudbury; in 1921, 50 miles northeast of Sault Ste. Marie; and in 1931, 35 miles north of Sault Ste. Marie.

Density of Population.—Generally speaking, the density of population decreases as one travels westward, but the enormous area of the Province of Quebec unduly reduces the density of its population, which was 6·34 (preliminary) in 1941. As among the nine provinces, the density of population is greatest in Prince Edward Island and least in British Columbia.

* The centres of population are the centres of gravity (not the intersections of median lines). The units of area in which the moments (i.e., population multiplied by distance from a fixed point) were calculated, were the permanent counties or census divisions, of which there are about 220, the same units being used so far as possible for all censuses from 1851 to 1941. The geographical centre of the unit area was assumed to be the centre of population of that unit except in the cases of the thinly settled northern areas and of counties with very large cities, where special adjustments were made.

4.—Area and Density of Population of Canada, by Provinces, 1911-41

Province or Territory	Land Area in Sq. Miles	Population, 1911 ¹		Population, 1921		Population, 1931		Population, 1941 ²	
		Total	Per Sq. Mile	Total	Per Sq. Mile	Total	Per Sq. Mile	Total	Per Sq. Mile
P. E. Island.....	2,184	93,728	42·92	88,615	40·57	88,038	40·31	93,919	43·00
Nova Scotia.....	20,743	492,338	23·74	523,837	25·25	512,846	24·72	573,190	27·63
New Brunswick.....	27,473	351,889	12·81	387,876	14·12	408,219	14·86	453,377	16·50
Quebec.....	523,534	2,005,776	3·83	2,360,665 ³	4·51	2,874,255	5·49	3,319,640	6·34
Ontario.....	363,282	2,527,292	6·96	2,933,662	8·08	3,431,683	9·45	3,756,632	10·34
Manitoba.....	219,723	461,394	2·10	610,118	2·78	700,139	3·19	722,447	3·29
Saskatchewan.....	237,975	492,432	2·07	757,510	3·18	921,785	3·87	887,747	3·73
Alberta.....	248,800	374,295	1·50	588,454	2·37	731,605	2·94	788,393	3·17
British Columbia.....	359,279	392,480	1·09	524,582	1·46	694,263	1·93	809,203	2·25
Canada (Exclusive of the Territories)....	2,002,993	7,191,624	3·59	8,775,319³	4·38	10,362,833	5·17	11,404,548	5·69
Yukon.....	205,346	8,512	0·04	4,157	0·02	4,230	0·02	4,687	0·02
N.W.T.....	1,258,217	6,507	0·01	7,988	0·01	9,723	0·01	10,849	0·01
Canada.....	3,466,556	7,206,643	2·08	8,787,949³	2·53	10,376,786	2·99	11,420,084	3·29

¹ The populations of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and Northwest Territories were adjusted for 1911 according to the provisions of the Boundary Extensions Acts, 1912. ² Preliminary figures.

³ Populations of Northwest River Arm and Rigolet, on Hamilton Inlet have been deducted from Quebec, as these parts were awarded to Newfoundland by decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, Mar. 1, 1927. The grand total for Canada also contains 485 members of the Royal Canadian Navy who were recorded separately in 1921.

5.—Area and Density of Population, by Counties or Census Divisions, 1941¹

Province and County	Land Area in Sq. Miles	Population		Province and County	Land Area in Sq. Miles	Population	
		Total	Per Sq. Mile			Total	Per Sq. Mile
Canada.....	3,466,556	11,420,084	3·29	Nova Scotia.....	20,743	573,190	27·63
Prince Edward Island.....	2,184	93,919	43·00	Annapolis.....	1,285	17,528	13·64
Kings.....	641	19,234	30·01	Antigonish.....	541	10,524	19·45
Prince.....	778	34,269	44·05	Cape Breton.....	972	109,922	113·09
Queens.....	765	40,416	52·83	Colchester.....	1,451	30,297	20·88
				Cumberland.....	1,683	38,872	23·10

¹ Preliminary figures.