

very heavy immigration of the early years of the century (1900-11) is described in the text at pp. 78-79. In 1901, 175.1 persons per thousand of the total population were in the age group 20-29 years and 130.5 persons per thousand in the group 30-39 years: a decade later, 190.3 per thousand were in the former group and 142.6 in the latter. This movement was cut down very severely after the outbreak of war in 1914 and therefore the influence of these earlier accretions to the population would be expected to creep through the upper age groups year by year, and it has already reached those of the population in the 'fifties'.

Between 1931 and 1941 a more pronounced general ageing of the population is shown owing to practically non-existent migration and a lower birth rate—factors that were emphasized during the depression years. In 1921 the number per thousand of total population between 40 and 59 years of age was 183.0; it was 201.2 in 1931 and 209.5 in 1941. Greater proportional increases, however, are shown by the group 60 years of age and over; this group represented 75.1 per thousand of the total population in 1921, 83.8 in 1931 and no less than 102.2 per thousand in 1941. For observations on age distribution by provinces, see text following Table 15, p. 96.

In Canada, age distribution has shown a fairly rapid pace of development because of the changes that have characterized the factors of birth rate, mortality and migration touched on above. The following statement illustrates the situation very strikingly for the census years 1871 to 1941.

POPULATION BY CERTAIN AGE GROUPS AND RATES PER 1,000, 1871-1941

Age Group	1871		1881		1891		1901	
	Population	Rate per 1,000						
Under 10 years.....	1,027,325	287.2	1,145,113	268.4	1,189,595	249.4	1,258,884	236.5
10-19 years.....	857,356	239.6	983,480	230.5	1,061,913	222.6	1,132,842	212.9
20-29 ".....	613,203	171.4	760,980	178.4	860,703	180.4	932,189	175.1
30-39 ".....	398,987	111.5	489,133	114.7	590,040	123.7	694,293	130.5
40-49 ".....	286,856	80.2	362,492	85.0	427,453	89.6	529,044	99.4
50-59 ".....	196,477	54.9	251,214	58.9	301,402	63.2	364,635	68.5
60 or over.....	197,555	55.2	273,629	64.1	339,012	71.1	410,351	77.1
	1911		1921		1931		1941	
	Population	Rate per 1,000						
Under 10 years.....	1,670,735	233.0	2,106,243	240.3	2,207,164	212.8	2,097,674	182.3
10-19 years.....	1,380,685	192.6	1,714,867	195.6	2,113,642	203.8	2,220,912	193.0
20-29 years.....	1,364,468	190.3	1,397,643	159.4	1,697,466	163.6	1,999,416	173.8
30-39 years.....	1,022,895	142.6	1,285,211	146.6	1,397,299	134.7	1,603,400	139.3
40-49 years.....	721,178	100.6	962,115	109.7	1,231,310	118.7	1,311,691	114.0
50-59 years.....	498,132	69.5	642,240	73.3	855,706	82.5	1,098,596	95.5
60 or over.....	511,867	71.4	658,368	75.1	870,428	83.9	1,174,966	102.1

The following tables show the classification of the total population for censuses from 1891 to 1941 by age groups and sex and the proportion per 1,000 population by age periods for 1941.