

14.—Leading Racial Origins of the Population of Nine Cities of Over 90,000, 1941

Racial Origin	Montreal	Toronto	Vancouver	Winnipeg	Hamilton	Ottawa	Quebec	Windsor	Edmonton
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
British Isles Races.....	182,948	523,588	212,817	130,394	129,738	94,112	10,202	62,237	62,775
English.....	100,637	291,852	114,943	62,019	77,903	41,500	4,266	34,530	29,733
Irish.....	43,892	115,881	31,464	25,490	21,059	32,347	4,402	13,130	12,456
Scottish.....	37,078	108,974	61,816	40,496	28,985	19,520	1,499	13,781	18,896
Other.....	1,341	6,881	4,594	2,389	1,791	745	35	796	1,690
French.....	598,901	15,135	6,303	6,969	3,744	48,081	138,923	18,980	4,997
German.....	3,789	8,528	4,958	12,170	3,947	2,511	154	2,827	4,658
Italian.....	23,752	14,171	3,644	1,609	6,294	1,662	258	2,453	361
Jewish.....	51,132	49,046	2,812	17,027	2,597	3,809	376	2,226	1,449
Polish.....	7,045	11,517	2,659	11,024	5,312	785	32	2,936	2,923
Ukrainian.....	5,844	10,423	1,913	22,578	2,265	547	22	1,817	6,070
Other and not stated.....	29,596	35,049	40,247	20,189	12,440	3,444	790	11,835	10,584
Totals.....	903,007	667,457	275,353	221,960	166,337	154,951	150,757	105,311	93,817

Section 6.—Religions

At each census the actual numbers attached to any religious denomination, as reported by the persons enumerated, have been recorded. The development of the different denominations from an early date is traced statistically in Table 15.

Over the period from 1871 to 1941 something like 40 p.c. of the population of Canada has been of the Roman Catholic faith. This proportion has been remarkably constant over the 70 years. The 1941 percentage (inclusive of Greek Catholics) was 43.34 p.c. Methodists were 15.67 p.c. of the population in 1871 but fell to 13.19 p.c. in 1921. Presbyterians increased from 15.57 p.c. in 1871 to 16.04 p.c. in 1921; they were reinforced by the considerable immigration from Scotland after the beginning of the century. The organization of the United Church of Canada in 1925 left the Presbyterians and the Congregationalists much weaker in membership. Almost all Methodists, the main body of Congregationalists and a large number of Presbyterians united to form that Church. The denominations specified (except for "other") include about 95 p.c. of the population. The reason for omitting the details of the smaller denominations is that comparable figures for earlier censuses are practically impossible to obtain because of the numerous changes of nomenclature and regrouping that have taken place over the years. Tables 16 and 17 give the information for leading religions by provinces and for nine principal cities.

Among some of the numerically larger European races in Canada the leading religious denominations at the 1941 Census were: German—32.0 p.c. Lutheran, 25.0 p.c. Roman Catholic and 14.2 p.c. United Church; Ukrainian—62.3 p.c. Roman Catholic and 29.1 p.c. Greek Orthodox; Scandinavian—60 p.c. Lutheran, 17.0 p.c. United Church and 6.8 p.c. Anglican; Netherlands—30.5 p.c. Mennonite, 28.1 p.c. United Church, 11.4 p.c. Anglican and 7.6 p.c. Baptist. About 81 p.c.