

Section 14.—Occupations of the Canadian People

For a summary of the occupations of the Canadian people for the 1941 Census, see Appendix III, pp. 1062-73, of the 1943-44 Year Book.

Section 15.—Dwellings and Family Households

Final figures under this heading were not yet available from the 1941 Census at the time of going to press.

Section 16.—Quinquennial Census of the Prairie Provinces

The reader is referred to pp. 146-152 of the 1937 edition of the Year Book and to pp. 110-112 of the 1939 Year Book for results of the latest quinquennial census, or to Volumes I and II of the 1936 Census.

Section 17.—Annual Estimates of Population

The exact statement of the population of Canada given at ten-year intervals by the Census must be supplemented by estimates for intervening years. These are essential for the calculation of per capita figures in production and trade, and particularly for use as a base in birth and death comparisons. Since such studies are very often by provinces, it is important that the estimates show each province separately.

The calculation for Canada is easier than that for its component parts. The number of births and immigrants each year is known as well as the number of deaths, and reasonably accurate estimates may be made of the amount of emigration from the immigration reports of the countries to which Canadians most frequently move, principally the United States and the United Kingdom.

The Analysis according to provinces normally involves a large error, particularly in the time of rapid movement of population within the country. Some idea of the movement may be secured from a study of births, deaths, marriages, school attendance, etc., in the different provinces but, in view of the fact that the main purpose of the estimate is to calculate rates for these, their use in estimating population involves some circularity. The period since 1941 has been characterized by particularly heavy movements of population, but fortunately ration-book figures available provide a very satisfactory means of ascertaining these (see pp. 120-122). It was necessary to add members of the Armed Forces whose homes were in each of the provinces to the rationed population, in order to secure the total number of persons legally resident in each province—the figure comparable with the Census.

Figures for 1931-41 have been revised, taking account of certain important new information, which enables the allocation of the movement during the period between the censuses to be made more accurately than was possible at the time it was taking place. Use was made of a census question asking everyone enumerated in 1941 when they had moved into their province of present residence, and from which province they had come. Table 35 includes the revised figures from 1931-41, as well as current estimates up to 1944.