

The effects of the large immigration at the beginning of the century are seen in all columns of the percentage figures after 1901. Whereas in 1871, 83.30 p.c. of the total population were Canadian born, 14.06 p.c. other British born, and 2.64 p.c. foreign born, the corresponding proportions in 1941 were 82.46 p.c., 8.72 p.c. and 8.82 p.c., respectively.

The smallest element in the population, viz., the foreign born other than United States born, actually shows the greatest percentage increase. These "other foreign born" increased rapidly from 0.85 p.c. in 1871 to 7.50 p.c. in 1931, more than doubling in absolute numbers from 1901. The decline of the group indicated for 1941 is attributable to a restricted immigration policy. (See Chapter VI.)

15.—Nativity of the Population, Census Years 1871-1941

Year	British Born		Foreign Born		Total Population	Percentages of Total Population			
	Canadian Born	Other British Born ¹	Born in United States	Born in Other Foreign Countries		British Born		Foreign Born	
						Canadian Born	Other British Born	United States Born	Other Foreign Born
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	
1871....	3,003,035	506,721	64,613	30,641	3,605,010 ²	83.30	14.06	1.79	0.85
1881....	3,721,826 ³	478,615	77,753	46,616	4,324,810	86.06	11.07	1.80	1.08
1891....	4,189,368 ³	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	12.12	4.26	5.87
1931....	8,059,261	1,184,830	344,574	778,121	10,376,786	77.76	11.42	3.32	7.50
1941....	9,487,808	1,003,769	312,473	701,660	11,506,655 ³	82.46	8.72	2.72	6.10

¹ Includes some hundreds of persons born at sea. "birthplace not stated".

² Includes six provinces only.

³ Includes

Table 27, p. 113 of the 1943-44 Year Book gives, for 1941, the nativity of the population analysed by sex and province.

Table 16 gives the total population by country of birth for census years 1871-1941. The census, under birthplace, collects information on both the country of birth of the immigrant arrivals in Canada and the province of birth of the native-born population. These data provide information respecting the interprovincial movement of the Canadian-born population (see p. 118).

Comparative figures for country of birth for census periods to 1921 and those taken more recently are difficult to obtain because of the many geographical changes in Europe after the War of 1914-18; for instance, a person who early in the century migrated to Canada from a certain part of Austria or Hungary might not realize that in 1931 he should have recorded his birthplace as Poland or Roumania in line with the new national boundaries. In comparing the census figures of several decades these facts have to be considered and a regrouping of certain European countries whose boundaries were changed in later censuses is carried back to earlier censuses to maintain comparability. Table 16 is probably as far as the census can go in supplying strictly comparable figures along these lines. In this table no change has been made affecting the census figures themselves: they have been merely regrouped geographically.