there were 449,967 males to 440,294 females in Lower Canada, and 499,067 males to 452,937 females in the more newly settled Upper Canada. Since Confederation the newer sections of Canada—the west and the northwest—have shown the greatest excess of males.

From 1871 to 1941, for Canada as a whole, the percentage of males never dropped below 51 p.c. of the total population, whereas for Western Canada it varied between 53 p.c. and 59 p.c.

9.—Sex Distribution of the Population, by Provinces and Territories, Census Years 1871-1941

Province	1871		1881		1891		1901	
Territory	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
P.E. Island Nova Scotia. New Brunswick. Quebec. Ontario. Manitoba. Saskatchewan Alberta. British Columbia. Yukon. N.W.T.	828,590 12,864 — — — 20,694	194,008 139,706 595,475 792,261 12,364 — — — — — ——————————————————————————	220, 538 164, 119 678, 175 978, 554 35, 123 - 29, 503	220,034 157,114 680,852 948,368 27,137	227,093 163,739 744,141 1,069,487 84,342 - 63,003	744,394 1,044,834 68,164 - 35,170	51, 959 233, 642 168, 639 824, 454 1, 096, 640 138, 504 49, 431 41, 019 114, 160 23, 084 10, 176	51, 300 225, 932 162, 481 824, 444 1,086, 307 116, 707 41,848 32,003 64,497 4,135 9,953
Canada	1,869,264	1,819,993	2,188,854	2,135,956	2,460,471	2,372,768	2,751,708	2,619,607
	1911		1921		1931		1941	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
P.E. Island Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia Yukon N.W.T	47,069 251,019 179,867 1,012,815 1,301,272 252,954 291,730 223,792 251,619 6,508 3,350	46,659 241,319 172,022 992,961 1,226,020 208,440 200,702 150,503 140,861 2,004 3,157	266,472 197,351 1,179,651	43,728 257,365 1,180,859 1,451,772 289,551 343,810 264,246 231,173 1,338 3,939	263, 104 208, 620 1, 447, 326 1, 748, 844 368, 065 409, 199 385, 219 2, 825	42, 646 249, 742 199, 599 1, 427, 336 1, 682, 839 332, 074 421, 850 331, 406 309, 044 1, 405 4, 304	49,228 296,044 234,097 1,672,982 1,921,201 378,079 477,563 426,458 435,031 3,153 6,700	45,819 281,918 223,304 1,658,900 1,866,454 351,665 418,429 369,711 382,830 1,761 5,328
Canada	3,821,995	3,384,648	4,529,6431	4,258,306	5,374,541	5,002,245	5,900,536	5,606,119

¹ Includes 485 members of the Royal Canadian Navy, who were recorded separately in 1921.

Immigration has influenced the sex distribution of the population, as between provinces, in widely different degree. In the older settlements of Quebec and parts of New Brunswick and Ontario, where the populations are of French basic stock, immigration has not played as great a part in upsetting the normal distribution of the sexes as it has in the other provinces. Even in Ontario immigrants from Continental European countries do not settle as readily and are not assimilated as completely as in the newer western provinces.

A characteristic of population distribution since 1911 has been the rapid growth of urban centres due to the far-reaching developments in manufacturing that have entirely changed the economic picture. Summary figures showing the disparity between the sexes in the matter of urban concentration in 1911, 1921, 1931 and 1941 in the total population are given in the following tabulation. Where the percentage