

16.—Birthplaces of the Population, Census Years 1871-1941

Birthplace	1871	1881	1891	1901	1911	1921	1931	1941
Canada.....	3,003,035	3,721,826 ¹	4,189,368 ¹	4,671,815	5,619,682	6,832,224	8,069,261	9,487,808
British Isles.....	496,595	470,906	477,735	404,848	804,234	1,025,119	1,138,942	960,125
Other British Empire ²	10,126	7,709	12,838	16,203	29,995	40,329	45,888	43,644
Europe.....	28,699	39,161	53,841	125,549	404,941	459,325	714,462	653,705
Belgium.....	—	—	—	2,280	7,975	13,276	17,033	14,773
Finland.....	—	—	—	—	10,987	12,156	30,354	24,387
France.....	2,908	4,389	5,381	7,944	17,619	19,247	16,756	13,795
Germany.....	24,162	25,328	27,752	27,300	39,577	25,266	39,163	28,479
Greece.....	—	—	—	213	2,640	3,769	5,579	5,871
Italy.....	218	777	2,795	6,854	34,739	35,531	42,578	40,432
Netherlands.....	—	—	—	385	3,808	5,827	10,736	9,923
Russia, Lithuania and Ukraine... Scandinavian countries.....	416	6,376 ³	9,222	31,231	89,984	112,412	133,869	124,402
Central European countries.....	588	2,076	7,827	18,388	61,240	64,795	90,042	72,473
Other.....	102	—	695	29,473	129,421	159,379	317,350	309,360
Asia.....	305	215	169	1,481	6,951	7,667	11,002	9,810
United States.....	—	—	9,129	23,580	40,946	53,636	60,608	44,443
Other countries.....	64,613	77,753	80,915	127,899	303,680	374,022	344,574	312,473
Totals.....	1,942	7,455	9,413	1,421	3,165	3,294	3,051	3,512
Totals.....	3,605,010⁴	4,324,810	4,833,239	5,371,315	7,206,643	8,787,949	10,376,786	11,506,655⁵

¹ Includes "birthplace not stated".² Includes "born at sea".³ Includes Poland.⁴ Includes Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Poland, Galicia and Roumania.⁵ Includes six provinces only.

More detailed information on this subject will be found at pp. 111-117 of the 1943-44 Year Book.

Section 10.—Citizenship

Until the passage of the Canadian Citizenship Act in 1946 (the Act came into force on Jan. 1, 1947), the basic legislation governing Canadian nationality was to be found in the Immigration Act. The new legislation was referred to briefly at p. 1137 of the 1946 Year Book and the statistics and other information resulting from its administration will be given in the Section entitled "Department of the Secretary of State" in the Miscellaneous Administration Chapter of this and subsequent editions.

At the decennial censuses, information on aliens and Canadian nationals is compiled and until now such figures have been the only available index of Canadian citizenship and nationality. As new data become available from the Department of the Secretary of State, it is possible that the census figures in this field will not have the significance they have carried in the past.

Table 17 shows that, at the Census of 1941, less than 1 p.c. of the total Canadian-born and other British-born population had lost their Canadian citizenship through renunciation or marriage. Over 80 p.c. of the United States-born persons in Canada, who form 2.7 p.c. of the total population, had become Canadian citizens together with 74.7 p.c. of the Continental European-born; of those born in Asiatic countries 72.7 p.c. remained aliens. Of the total population, only 2.4 p.c. were aliens.