

In Canada as a whole there are more married males than married females. Other striking statistics of conjugal condition are the great preponderance of widows compared to widowers and the large and increasing numbers of divorced and legally separated persons.

Marital status of the 1941 population 15 years of age or over, by provinces and sex, is shown at p. 102 of the 1945 Year Book.

Section 6.—Racial Origins

A population composed of diverse racial stocks gives rise to political, economic and social problems quite different in nature from those of one with a small admixture of foreign elements, although, to the extent that certain racial stocks are more readily assimilated than others, the problems are mitigated. It is equally true that the different educational, moral, economic, religious and political backgrounds of a people of mixed origins lend variety and diversity to the national life.

The two basic stocks of the Canadian people are the French and the English: historically the French is much the older and, excepting at the time of the Census of 1921, has exceeded in numbers any one of the basic British Isles stocks.

