

In the Province of Quebec five fur preserves, with a total area of 63,000 sq. miles were in production. The total number of beaver pelts being harvested on a sustained-yield basis for these areas in 1949-50 was 10,500, the estimated income value to the Indian trappers being \$275,000. The 1949 production from the four areas then in production was as follows:—

<i>Locality</i>	<i>Pelts</i>		<i>Amount</i>
	No.	\$	
Abitibi Preserve.....	2,061	37,322	
Old Factory Preserve.....	2,071	39,622	
Nottaway Preserve.....	1,781	43,553	
Grand Lake Preserve.....	1,037	21,757	
TOTALS	6,950	142,254	

Subsection 1.—Administration of the Indians

The activities of the Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration include the control of Indian education and health, the development of agriculture and other pursuits among the Indians, the administration of their lands, their community funds and estates, and the general supervision of their welfare.

Indian education and welfare are dealt with in Chapters VII and IX of this volume as well as in the preceding article. The following tables summarize the position in regard to the Indian population and the lands and property held by them.

The ultimate goal of the administration is to afford the Canadian Indian opportunities as equal as possible to those of fellow Canadians of the White race. The development of community interests is encouraged and measures are taken, in the interests of the Indian, to improve production and income, and to conserve the wildlife resources on which he depends.

The Indian Affairs Branch takes a census of the Indians under its administration at five-year intervals. The results of the census of 1944 are given below, since those of the latest census taken in 1949 are not yet available.

2.—Indian Population, by Sex and Age Groups, Departmental Census, 1944

Province or Territory	Under 7 Years		7-16 Years		17-21 Years		22-64 Years		65 Years and Over		Totals	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Prince Edward Island..	27	22	28	34	14	15	57	57	5	7	131	135
Nova Scotia.....	259	259	231	240	130	131	534	457	65	58	1,219	1,145
New Brunswick.....	210	202	244	238	109	105	445	414	46	34	1,054	993
Quebec.....	1,319	1,360	1,750	1,718	804	878	3,471	3,010	463	421	7,807	7,387
Ontario.....	2,630	2,739	3,189	3,351	2,094	2,101	7,283	6,904	1,042	1,088	16,238	16,183
Manitoba.....	1,663	1,665	1,828	1,711	1,020	1,005	3,102	2,923	461	555	8,074	7,859
Saskatchewan.....	1,572	1,611	1,683	1,646	642	639	2,828	2,779	355	403	7,080	7,078
Alberta.....	1,380	1,439	1,551	1,515	581	571	2,495	2,224	309	376	6,316	6,125
British Columbia.....	2,350	2,573	3,056	3,171	1,233	1,127	5,548	4,808	825	819	13,017	12,498
Northwest Territories..	374	403	434	436	212	209	775	745	90	138	1,885	1,931
Yukon.....	147	157	180	195	74	71	331	278	54	44	786	745
Totals	11,931	12,430	14,174	14,255	6,918	6,852	26,869	24,599	3,715	3,943	63,607	62,079