

### Section 3.—Intercensal Estimates of Population

Intercensal estimates of the population serve many uses. They constitute a base for vital statistics rates, per capita figures of production and trade, and other analyses. More recently, they have proved useful for estimates of labour force and other population characteristics of data collected in sample surveys.

Estimates are constructed in the first place for the total population of Canada and for each province. It is a requirement that these be made available about the date to which they apply, June 1 of each year. As final figures on the components of population changes are not ready at that date, the numbers of births, deaths and immigrants are partly filled in by extrapolation so that a preliminary figure is secured for the June to May interval. To avoid a cumulative error the calculation, in effect, starts anew with the latest preceding census for each year's estimates and uses the most up-to-date figures then available. To the census figures are added the births of the intervening years and the deaths are subtracted. Immigrants are added and emigrants are subtracted. On the last item of this calculation there is least information; it is possible to ascertain from United States immigration figures the number of Canadians entering the United States and sometimes the number of those going to the United Kingdom but data are not available for other countries.

The program of population estimates calls for two figures to be given in respect of each year; one based on preliminary materials, as described above, necessarily involving an extrapolation of birth, death and immigration returns, and the other on final figures subject to no further change which can be made available only when the last item of subsequent information has been secured. This last item is the succeeding decennial census and with the release of the 1951 Census totals the estimates for the decade 1941-51 were revised; the tables of this Section present the revised figures.

Since estimates for successive years are independently calculated back to the latest census, the best estimate of the balance of population change is not obtained by subtracting the figure for one year from that for the year following. Much interest attaches to the year-to-year balance and the following statement, which gives all available data on that point, is included.

Year	Calendar-Year Data <sup>1</sup>				Estimated Population as at June 1 <sup>1</sup>
	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Immig- ration	
1941.....	255,224	114,500	140,724	9,325	11,490,000
1942.....	272,184	112,848	159,336	7,576	11,637,000
1943.....	283,423	118,531	164,892	8,502	11,778,000
1944.....	284,220	116,052	168,168	12,793	11,929,000
1945.....	288,730	113,414	175,316	22,711	12,055,000
1946.....	330,732	114,931	215,801	71,691	12,268,000
1947.....	359,094	117,725	241,369	64,127	12,527,000
1948.....	347,307	119,384	227,923	125,414	12,799,000
1949 <sup>2</sup> .....	366,139	124,047	242,092	95,217	13,423,000
1950 <sup>2</sup> .....	370,578 <sup>2</sup>	123,649 <sup>2</sup>	246,929 <sup>2</sup>	73,912	13,688,000
1951 <sup>2</sup> .....	379,412 <sup>2</sup>	125,901 <sup>2</sup>	253,511 <sup>2</sup>	194,391	13,984,000

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of the Yukon and Northwest Territories.  
subject to adjustment as later data are made available.

<sup>2</sup> These estimates are  
<sup>2</sup> Includes Newfoundland.