

for these censuses was passed in 1886 for Manitoba and in 1905 for Saskatchewan and Alberta and later embodied in the Statistics Act. The need for this partial census is now not so apparent and provision has been made for its place to be taken by a modified census of population and agriculture for the whole of Canada. Such a census is being taken in 1956.

Section 2.—Growth of the Population

The population history of Canada, from the first census in 1666 when 3,215 persons were enumerated to the 1951 Census when the figure was 14,009,429, reveals an outstanding rate of population growth. Each decade of course contributed to this growth but the ten year periods 1901-11, 1911-21 and 1941-51 merit particular mention. In the decade 1901-11 Canada's population increased by 34.2 p.c., the largest growth in the nation's history. Immigration was the main factor in this gain, 1,800,000 persons having entered the country during the period. Despite World War I with its accompanying population losses through casualties, emigration and the influenza epidemic Canada's population increased by 21.9 p.c. in the 1911-21 decade.

The Census of 1951 showed the population of Canada to be 14,009,429 representing an increase of 2,502,774 or 21.8 p.c. over the 1941 figure of 11,506,655. Newfoundland's entry into Confederation accounted for 361,416 of this increase. Excluding Newfoundland the population in 1951 totalled 13,648,013, an increase of 2,141,358 or 18.6 p.c. over the 1941 population of the nine provinces and the territories. This numerical increase was the largest on record and the percentage increase was exceeded only in the 1901-11 and 1911-21 decades. The population increase in the 1941-51 decade is all the more remarkable when consideration is given to the fact that immigration was greatly restricted during the war years. With the resumption of immigration in the postwar years however Canada had a net gain of about 424,000 in population through immigrant arrivals over the decade. The period was characterized also by high birth rates, and the natural increase was just under 2,000,000 for the ten year period.

2.—Numerical and Percentage Distribution of Population by Province, Decennial Census Years 1871-1951

NOTE.—The populations of the Prairie Provinces in 1906, 1916, 1926, 1936 and 1946 are shown in the 1951 Year Book, p. 131. Intercensal estimated populations from 1867-1904 will be found in the 1936 Year Book, p. 141; from 1905-30 in the 1946 edition, p. 127; from 1931-40 in the 1952-53 edition, p. 143; and from 1941-54 in Table 3, p. 151 of the present edition.

| Province or Territory | 1871 | 1881 | 1891 | 1901 | 1911 | 1921 | 1931 | 1941 | 1951 |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| NUMERICAL DISTRIBUTION | | | | | | | | | |
| Nfld. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 361,416 |
| P.E.I. | 94,021 | 108,891 | 109,078 | 103,259 | 93,728 | 88,615 | 88,038 | 95,047 | 98,429 |
| N.S. | 387,800 | 440,572 | 450,396 | 459,574 | 492,338 | 523,837 | 512,846 | 577,962 | 642,584 |
| N.B. | 285,594 | 321,233 | 321,263 | 331,120 | 351,889 | 387,876 | 408,219 | 457,401 | 515,697 |
| Que. | 1,191,516 | 1,359,027 | 1,488,535 | 1,648,898 | 2,005,776 | 2,360,510 | 2,874,662 | 3,331,882 | 4,055,681 |
| Ont. | 1,620,851 | 1,926,922 | 2,114,321 | 2,182,947 | 2,527,292 | 2,933,662 | 3,431,683 | 3,787,655 | 4,597,542 |
| Man. | 25,228 | 62,260 | 152,506 | 255,211 | 461,394 | 610,118 | 700,139 | 729,744 | 776,541 |
| Sask. | ... | ... | ... | 91,279 | 492,432 | 757,510 | 921,785 | 895,992 | 831,728 |
| Alta. | ... | ... | ... | 73,022 | 374,295 | 588,454 | 731,605 | 796,169 | 939,501 |
| B.C. | 36,247 | 49,459 | 98,173 | 178,657 | 392,480 | 524,582 | 694,263 | 817,861 | 1,165,210 |
| Yukon. | ... | ... | ... | 27,219 | 8,512 | 4,157 | 4,230 | 4,914 | 9,096 |
| N.W.T. | 48,000 | 56,446 | 98,967 | 20,129 | 6,507 | 8,143 | 9,316 | 12,028 | 16,004 |
| Canada | 3,689,257 | 4,324,810 | 4,833,239 | 5,371,315 | 7,206,643 | 8,787,949 | 10,376,786 | 11,506,655 | 14,009,429 |

¹ Populations of Newfoundland (which was not part of Canada until 1949) were: 1871, 152,500 (estimated); 1881, 186,500 (estimated); 1891, 202,040; 1901, 220,984; 1911, 242,619; 1921, 263,033; 1931, 281,500 (estimated); 1941, 303,300 (estimated); and 1945, 321,819.

² Includes 485 members of the Royal Canadian Navy recorded separately in 1921.