

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 period 1941-51 recorded the largest numerical gain on record for a ten-year period, 2,502,774 persons being added to the 1941 population during the decade. Newfoundland's entry into Confederation in 1949 accounted for 361,416 of this increase. Immigration, although greatly restricted during the war years, was resumed during the last part of the decade and brought about a net gain of approximately 424,000 in population through immigrant arrivals. This period was also characterized by high birth rates, and the natural increase was just under 2,000,000 for the ten-year period.

The Census of 1956 showed the population of Canada to be 16,080,791, an increase of 2,071,362 or 14.8 p.c. over the 1951 figure of 14,009,429. This numerical increase was exceeded only in the 1941-51 period, and is all the more remarkable since it occurred in only five years. Immigration and a continuation of the high birth rates of the previous decade were characteristic also of the 1951-56 period.

### 1.—Numerical and Percentage Distribution of Population by Province, Decennial Census Years 1901-51 and 1956

Note.—Populations for the decennial Census years 1871, 1881 and 1891 are given in the 1956 Year Book, p. 149. The populations of the Prairie Provinces in 1906, 1916, 1926, 1936 and 1946 will be found in the 1951 edition, p. 131.

Province or Territory	1901	1911	1921	1931	1941	1951	1956
NUMERICAL DISTRIBUTION							
Nfld.....	1	1	1	1	1	361,416	415,074
P.E.I.....	103,259	93,728	88,615	88,038	95,047	98,429	99,285
N.S.....	459,574	492,338	523,837	512,846	577,962	642,584	694,717
N.B.....	331,120	351,889	387,876	408,219	457,401	515,697	554,616
Que.....	1,648,898	2,005,776	2,360,510	2,874,662	3,331,882	4,055,681	4,628,378
Ont.....	2,182,947	2,527,292	2,933,662	3,431,683	3,787,655	4,597,542	5,404,933
Man.....	255,211	461,394	610,118	700,139	729,744	776,541	850,040
Sask.....	91,279	492,432	757,510	921,785	895,992	831,728	880,665
Alta.....	73,022	374,295	588,454	731,605	796,169	939,501	1,123,116
B.C.....	178,657	392,480	524,582	694,263	817,861	1,165,210	1,398,464
Yukon.....	27,219	8,512	4,157	4,230	4,914	9,096	12,190
N.W.T.....	20,129	6,507	8,143	9,316	12,028	16,004	19,313
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>5,371,315</b>	<b>7,206,643</b>	<b>8,787,949</b>	<b>10,376,786</b>	<b>11,506,655</b>	<b>14,009,429</b>	<b>16,080,791</b>
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION							
Nfld.....	...	...	...	...	...	2.58	2.58
P.E.I.....	1.92	1.30	1.01	0.85	0.83	0.70	0.62
N.S.....	8.56	6.83	5.96	4.94	5.02	4.59	4.32
N.B.....	6.16	4.88	4.41	3.94	3.97	3.68	3.45
Que.....	30.70	27.33	26.86	27.70	28.96	28.95	28.78
Ont.....	40.64	35.07	33.39	33.07	32.92	32.82	33.61
Man.....	4.75	6.40	6.94	6.75	6.34	5.54	5.29
Sask.....	1.70	6.84	8.62	8.88	7.79	5.94	5.48
Alta.....	1.36	5.19	6.70	7.05	6.92	6.71	6.98
B.C.....	3.33	5.45	5.97	6.69	7.11	8.32	8.70
Yukon.....	0.51	0.12	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.08
N.W.T.....	0.37	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.12
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Populations of Newfoundland (not part of Canada until 1949) were: 1901, 220,984; 1911, 242,619; 1921, 263,033; 1931, 281,500 (estimated); 1941, 303,300 (estimated); and 1945, 321,819. <sup>2</sup> Includes 485 members of the Royal Canadian Navy recorded separately in 1921.