

during the 1940's and about 27,000 a year in the first half of the 1950's. On an absolute basis Ontario received more people than did British Columbia but, in relation to its larger population, this growth was only about one-third as important. Quebec had a slight loss between 1931 and 1951 and a considerable gain in the next five years. Nova Scotia gained population during the 1930's but has been losing ever since; the Maritimes as a whole lost 138,000 persons over the quarter-century.

3.—Numerical Changes in the Population of the Provinces through Migration 1931-41, 1941-51, and 1951-56

Province	Natural Increase			Population Increase according to Census			Net Migration		
	1931-41	1941-51	1951-56	1931-41	1941-51	1951-56	1931-41	1941-51	1951-56
Nfld.....	...	...	52,892	...	...	53,658	...	...	+766
P.E.I.....	9,681	15,802	8,920	7,009	3,382	856	-2,672	-12,420	-8,064
N.S.....	57,268	103,512	63,156	65,116	64,622	52,133	+7,848	-38,890	-11,023
N.B.....	59,359	99,904	59,812	49,182	58,296	38,919	-10,177	-41,608	-20,893
Que.....	459,211	736,058	474,516	457,220	723,799	572,697	-1,991	-12,259	+98,181
Ont.....	278,488	505,034	431,913	355,972	809,887	807,391	+77,484	+304,853	+375,478
Man.....	78,083	107,510	73,651	29,605	46,797	73,499	-48,478	-60,713	-152
Sask.....	131,752	135,106	85,978	-25,793	-64,264	48,937	-157,545	-199,370	-37,041
Alta.....	106,405	150,303	119,307	64,564	143,332	183,615	-41,841	-6,971	+64,308
B.C.....	41,100	116,527	98,006	123,598	347,349	233,254	+82,498	+230,822	+135,248
Canada¹.....	1,221,787	1,972,394	1,471,766	1,129,869	2,141,358	2,071,362	-91,918	+168,964	+599,596

¹ Includes the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Section 5.—Density of Population

The land area and density of the population per square mile is given by province in Table 4 for census years 1931, 1941, 1951 and 1956. It will be noted that the figures for 1951 and 1956 include the Province of Newfoundland, a fact that should be kept in mind in comparisons with earlier censuses.

4.—Land Area and Density of Population by Province, Decennial Census Years 1931-51 and 1956

Province or Territory	Land Area in Sq. Miles	Population, 1931		Population, 1941		Population, 1951		Population, 1956	
		Total	Per Sq. Mile	Total	Per Sq. Mile	Total	Per Sq. Mile	Total	Per Sq. Mile
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland ¹	143,045	...	...	...	...	361,416	2.53	415,074	2.90
Prince Edward Island...	2,184	88,038	40.31	95,047	43.52	98,429	45.07	99,285	45.46
Nova Scotia.....	20,743	512,846	24.72	577,962	27.86	642,584	30.98	694,717	33.49
New Brunswick.....	27,473	408,219	14.86	457,401	16.65	515,697	18.77	554,616	20.19
Quebec.....	523,860	2,874,662	5.49	3,331,882	6.36	4,055,681	7.74	4,628,378	8.84
Ontario.....	333,835	3,431,683	10.28	3,787,655	11.35	4,597,542	13.77	5,404,933	16.19
Manitoba.....	211,775	700,139	3.31	729,744	3.45	776,541	3.67	850,040	4.01
Saskatchewan.....	220,182	921,785	4.19	895,992	4.07	831,728	3.78	880,665	4.00
Alberta.....	248,800	731,605	2.94	796,169	3.20	939,501	3.78	1,123,116	4.51
British Columbia.....	359,279	694,263	1.93	817,861	2.28	1,165,210	3.24	1,398,464	3.89
Canada (Exclusive of the Territories).....	2,091,176	10,363,240	5.32²	11,489,713	5.90²	13,984,329	6.69³	16,049,288	7.67³
Yukon Territory.....	205,346	4,230	0.02	4,914	0.02	9,096	0.04	12,190	0.06
Northwest Territories.....	1,253,438	9,316	0.01	12,028	0.01	16,004	0.01	19,313	0.02
Canada.....	3,549,960	10,376,786	3.05⁴	11,506,655	3.38⁴	14,009,429	3.95⁴	16,080,791	4.53⁴

¹ Includes Labrador. ² Calculated on the basis of 1,948,131 sq. miles which excludes the land area of Newfoundland. ³ Includes Newfoundland. ⁴ Calculated on the basis of 3,406,915 sq. miles which excludes the land area of Newfoundland.