

# CHAPTER III.—POPULATION\*

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NOTE.—The interpretation of the symbols used in the tables throughout the Year Book will be found facing p. 1 of this volume.

This Chapter presents only a limited summary of the voluminous data on population recorded by the censuses of Canada. More detailed information and extended analyses are published in the Census volumes and bulletins, which are obtainable from the Queen's Printer or the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa. A list of such publications and their prices is available on request.

## Section 1.—Census of Population

### Subsection 1.—History of the Census

A brief account of the early censuses of Canada is given under this heading in the 1956 Year Book at pp. 146-149. More detailed information on the history of census-taking in Canada may be found in Vol. XI (Administrative Report) of the 1951 Census of Canada, in the Administrative Report of the 1941 Census of Canada, and in Vol. I of the 1931 Census of Canada.

**Plans for the 1961 Census.**—On June 1, 1961, Canada's decennial nation-wide inventory—the Tenth Decennial Census since Confederation—will get under way. On that day, some 25,000 trained enumerators will start on their rounds of visitation. Planning for the huge task of obtaining accurate information on Canada's people, the homes they live in and the farms and businesses they operate, was started in July 1957 and since then the details of organization have been progressively settled. Decisions on the content of the census questionnaires have also required months of planning. Studies have been conducted on the costs and usefulness of various types of information requested for inclusion in the census; the views of users of census statistics have been secured by canvass to ensure that the inquiries will be limited to information of greatest demand and importance; field tests have been carried out to determine the feasibility of certain questions, the arrangement of the questionnaires, and the wording of inquiries; and studies have been made on the possibilities of employing sampling techniques in the collection of the census information.

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