

The Eskimo people have survived for thousands of years on comparatively meagre resources in a harsh land and have become a hardy, adaptable and surprisingly cheerful group. They are taking the southern invasion in their stride and using their adaptability to show that they can take their place in the new North alongside the best professional workers, technologists and tradesmen that southern Canada can produce. Of all the wealth the North may yield, none will be more important to the future of Canada than its first residents, the Eskimos.

Section 4.—Statistics of World Population

World population figures given in Table 29 are from the United Nations *Population and Vital Statistics Report* for October 1960 and, except as otherwise noted, are mid-year estimates for 1959. The area figures are from the United Nations *Statistical Yearbook, 1959*.

Estimated Population of the World by Continents.—The statement below presents adjusted estimates of the 1959 mid-year population of the world by continental divisions. These aggregates do not coincide exactly with the sum of the figures for individual countries because they include, in addition, adjustments for over- and under-enumeration, over-estimation, categories of population not regularly included in the official figures, and approximations for those countries that have not provided official 1959 data. The estimates are as follows:—

<i>Continental Division</i>	<i>Number</i>
Africa.....	236,000,000
North America.....	261,000,000
South America.....	137,000,000
Asia (includes Syria and Asiatic Turkey).....	1,622,000,000
Europe (includes European Turkey).....	423,000,000
Oceania (includes Hawaii).....	16,100,000
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Asia and Europe).....	210,500,000
WORLD TOTAL.....	2,905,600,000
Commonwealth countries (at June 1, 1961).....	680,657,000 (1959)

29.—Areas and Populations of the Countries or Areas of the World, 1959

Note.—Status of independency or dependency is as at June 1, 1961. Members of the Commonwealth and the Territories for which the United Kingdom or Commonwealth members are responsible (at June 1, 1961) are indicated with an asterisk (*).

Continent and Country	Area	Population
	sq. miles	'000
Africa		
INDEPENDENT STATES		
Cameroun (formerly Camerouns under Fr. Adm.).....	166,796	3,230
Central African Republic.....	238,224	1,190
Chad.....	495,754	2,630
Congo—(Brazzaville) (formerly Republic of the Congo).....	132,047	810
Congo—(Leopoldville) (formerly Belgian Congo).....	905,381	13,840
Dahomey.....	44,696	1,750
Ethiopia.....	457,267	21,800
Gabon.....	103,089	420
*Ghana.....	91,843	6,691 ¹
Guinea.....	94,926	2,727
Ivory Coast.....	124,503	3,120
Liberia.....	43,000	1,250 ¹
Libya.....	679,360	1,172
Malagasy Republic.....	227,800	5,280
Mali (formerly Sudanese Republic).....	464,874	4,330
Mauritania.....	419,230	730
Morocco.....	171,305	10,550
Niger.....	458,995	2,555

For footnotes, see end of table, p. 181.