

CHAPTER III.—POPULATION*

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Section 1.—Census of Population

This Section presents only a brief summary of the voluminous data on population recorded by the 1961 Census of Canada, with certain comparable data from earlier censuses. The results of the limited population census taken on June 1, 1966 were not available at the time of preparation but 1966 figures for as many of the tables included in Subsections 1 to 6 and Subsection 10 as are obtainable immediately before this volume goes to press will be presented in Appendix II. The 1966 Census did not include questions on ethnic origin, birthplace, religious denomination, language or mother tongue so that the 1961 data in Subsections 7 to 9 will remain the latest available until the taking of the comprehensive decennial census in 1971.

Detailed census data are published in a series of reports which are obtainable from the Queen's Printer or the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. A list of these publications is available on request from the Information Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Subsection 1.—Growth and Movement of Population†

Population Growth.—Canada's population stood at 18,238,000 in 1961 as against 10,377,000 in 1931 and 5,371,000 in 1901. In the first decade of the century, the gain of 34 p.c. was greater than in any censal period up to 1961. Growth was associated with the opening up of the West for settlement and massive immigration from overseas. During the 1901-11 period, about 1,760,000 immigrants entered the country and natural increase

* See also Appendix II.

† See footnote on p. 183.