

CHAPTER III.—POPULATION

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Section 1.—Census of Population

This Section presents in brief form the results of the limited census of population taken on June 1, 1966, with certain comparable data from earlier censuses. 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. Also, 1966 Census figures on households and families intended to be included in Subsection 10 were not available when this Chapter was prepared and will, if possible, appear in an Appendix to this volume.

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*

Canada's population stood at 20,015,000 in 1966 as against 10,377,000 in 1931 and 5,371,000 in 1901. In the first decade of the century, when the West was being opened up for settlement, the gain of 34 p.c. was greater than in any other censal period. During that decade, about 1,760,000 immigrants entered the country and natural increase amounted to an estimated 1,000,000. However, since the total increase in population was 1,835,328, it is evident that a substantial number of people left the country during the period. In

* An outline of the growth of population in Canada since the beginning of the seventeenth century may be found in Vol. I of the 1931 Census. Other accounts of population growth prior to the present century are included in Vol. I of the 1941 Census and Vol. X of the 1951 Census.