

## VI.—POPULATION.

### I.—GROWTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION.

#### 1.—Census Statistics of General Population.

Since the creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867, decennial censuses have been taken on the *de jure* plan as of the dates April 2, 1871, April 4, 1881, April 5, 1891, April 1, 1901, June 1, 1911 and June 1, 1921. The population of Canada and its percentage distribution as on these dates, together with the absolute and percentage increases from decade to decade, is given in Tables 1 to 4 immediately following.

#### 1.—Population of Canada by Provinces and Territories in the Census years 1871 to 1921.<sup>1</sup>

Province or Territory.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.
Prince Edward Island.....	94,021	108,891	109,078	103,259	93,728	88,615
Nova Scotia.....	387,800	440,572	450,396	459,574	492,338	523,837
New Brunswick.....	285,594 <sup>2</sup>	321,233	321,263	331,120	351,889	387,876
Quebec.....	1,191,516	1,359,027	1,488,535	1,648,898	2,005,776 <sup>2</sup>	2,361,199
Ontario.....	1,620,851	1,926,922	2,114,321	2,182,947	2,527,292 <sup>2</sup>	2,933,662
Manitoba.....	25,228	62,260	152,506	255,211	461,394 <sup>2</sup>	610,118
Saskatchewan.....	—	—	—	91,279	492,432	757,510
Alberta.....	—	—	—	73,022	374,295 <sup>3</sup>	588,454
British Columbia.....	36,247	49,459	98,173	178,657	392,480	524,582
Yukon Territory.....	—	—	—	27,219	8,512	4,157
Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup> .....	48,000	56,446	98,967	20,129	6,507 <sup>2</sup>	7,988
Royal Canadian Navy.....	—	—	—	—	—	485
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3,689,257</b>	<b>4,324,810</b>	<b>4,833,239</b>	<b>5,371,315</b>	<b>7,206,643</b>	<b>8,788,483</b>

#### 2.—Percentage Distribution of Canadian Population by Provinces and Territories, 1871 to 1921.

Province or Territory.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Prince Edward Island.....	2.55	2.52	2.25	1.92	1.30	1.01
Nova Scotia.....	10.51	10.19	9.32	8.56	6.83	5.96
New Brunswick.....	7.74	7.43	6.65	6.16	4.88	4.41
Quebec.....	32.30	31.42	30.80	30.70	27.83	26.87
Ontario.....	43.94	44.56	43.74	40.64	35.07	33.38
Manitoba.....	0.68	1.44	3.16	4.75	6.40	6.94
Saskatchewan.....	—	—	—	1.70	6.84	8.62
Alberta.....	—	—	—	1.36	5.19	6.70
British Columbia.....	0.98	1.14	2.03	3.33	5.45	5.97
Yukon Territory.....	—	—	—	0.51	0.12	0.05
Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup> .....	1.30	1.30	2.05	0.37	0.09	0.09
Royal Canadian Navy.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> The population of the Prairie Provinces, according to the quinquennial census of 1916, is given on page 177. <sup>2</sup> As corrected as a result of the Extension of Boundaries Act, 1912. <sup>3</sup> As corrected by transfer of population of Fort Smith (368) to Northwest Territories. <sup>4</sup> The decrease shown in the population of the Northwest Territories after 1891 is due to the separation therefrom of vast areas to form Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory, and to extend the boundaries of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba.