

5.—Urban Centres having Populations of 1,000 to 30,000, by Provinces (including Newfoundland) at the Latest Census, compared with the Previous Census—concluded

Province and Urban Centre	1941	1946	Province and Urban Centre	1941	1946	Province and Urban Centre	1931	1941
No.	No.		No.	No.		No.	No.	
Saskatchewan—			Alberta—concluded			British Columbia—		
concluded			Raymond	2,089	2,116	New Westminster	17,524	21,967
Assiniboia	1,349	1,585	Coleman	1,870	1,809	Trail	7,573	9,392
Rosetown	1,470	1,563	Lacombe	1,603	1,808	North Vancouver	8,510	8,914
Tisdale	1,237	1,469	Blairmore	1,731	1,767	Prince Rupert	6,350	6,714
Meadow Lake	971	1,456	Taber	1,331	1,760	Nanaimo	6,745	6,635
Wilkie	1,232	1,425	Hanna	1,622	1,756	Kamloops	6,167	5,959
Indian Head	1,349	1,354	High River	1,430	1,674	Nelson	5,992	5,912
Battleford	1,317	1,336	Macleod	1,912	1,649	Vernon	3,937	5,209
Maple Creek	1,085	1,280	Vermilion	1,408	1,630	Kelowna	4,655	5,118
Kindersley	990	1,235	Edson	1,499	1,571	Port Alberni	2,356	4,584
Rosthern	1,149	1,218	Vegreville	1,696	1,563	Chilliwack	2,461	3,675
Canora	1,200	1,205	Olds	1,337	1,521	Rosland	2,848	3,657
Lloydminster	1,624 ¹	1,833 ¹	Stettler	1,295	1,499	Cranbrook	3,067	2,568
Moosomin	1,096	1,134	Ponoka	1,306	1,468	Fernie	2,732	2,545
Watrous	1,138	1,126	Black Diamond	890	1,380	Duncan	1,843	2,189
Wynyard	1,080	1,084	Clareholm	1,265	1,306	Revelstoke	2,736	2,106
Gravelbourg	1,130	1,079	Magrath	1,207	1,295	Prince George	2,479	2,027
Sutherland	888	1,046	Redcliff	1,111	1,289	Mission	1,314	1,957
			Innisfail	1,223	1,272	Alberni	702	1,807
Alberta—			Wainwright	980	1,261	Courtenay	1,219	1,737
Lethbridge	14,612	16,522	St. Paul	1,018	1,187	Ladysmith	1,443	1,706
Medicine Hat	10,571	12,859	Beverly	981	1,171	Port Coquitlam	1,312	1,539
Red Deer	2,924	4,042	Turner Valley	676	1,157	Port Moody	1,260	1,512
Camrose	2,598	2,967	Pincher Creek	994	1,148	Grand Forks	1,298	1,259
Drumheller	2,748	2,659	Brooks	888	1,091	Creston	695	1,153
Wetaskiwin	2,318	2,645	Rocky Mountain House	800	1,017			
Cardston	1,864	2,334				Yukon—		
Grande Prairie	1,724	2,267				Dawson	819	1,043

¹ Includes 572 in Alberta for 1941 and 698 for 1946.

Section 2.—Movement of Population

The traditional movement of population on the North American Continent from east to west has not been apparent in Canadian statistics for recent years. Considerable variation is revealed by the intercensal comparison between 1931 and 1941, by the ration book counts of 1944 and 1946, and by the special survey of interprovincial migration covering 1946-47.

The most spectacular changes are shown in the Prairie Provinces and in British Columbia. The three Prairie Provinces lost by migration about 250,000 people between 1931 and 1941 and almost the same number from 1941 to 1946. British Columbia gained—during the 1930's at the rate of about 8,000 a year and during the 1940's at about 25,000 a year. According to the most recent figures available there is no sign of a falling-off in British Columbia's growth. On an absolute basis, Ontario received almost the same number of people as British Columbia; in relation to its larger population this growth was only one-quarter as important. Quebec's net change was very small relative to its population. Nova Scotia gained during the years 1939-45 and lost immediately after the Second World War, while the Maritime Provinces as a whole lost population over the past two decades.

6.—Net Interprovincial Migration, by Provinces, 1931-49

Province	June 1, 1931	June 1, 1941	Apr. 1, 1944	June 1, 1946	June 1, 1947	June 1, 1948	June 1, 1948
	to June 1, 1941	to Apr. 1, 1944	to Sept. 1, 1946	to June 1, 1947	to June 1, 1948	to June 1, 1948	to June 1, 1949
Prince Edward Island	-3,000	-7,000	¹	-2,000	-3,000	-1,000	-1,000
Nova Scotia	+8,000	+8,000	-18,000	-2,000	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000
New Brunswick	-10,000	-19,000	+3,000	-2,000	-1,000	+1,000	+1,000
Quebec	-3,000	-13,000	-10,000	+1,000	+1,000	+12,000	+12,000
Ontario	+78,000	+59,000	+79,000	+21,000	+41,000	+54,000	+54,000
Manitoba	-48,000	-25,000	-21,000	+2,000	+2,000	+9,000	+9,000
Saskatchewan	-158,000	-86,000	-38,000	-6,000	-6,000	-7,000	-7,000
Alberta	-42,000	-15,000	-42,000	+1,000	+6,000	+9,000	+9,000
British Columbia	+82,000	+89,000	+56,000	+26,000	+24,000	+17,000	+17,000

¹ Less than 500.