

population of Newfoundland and Prince Edwards Island in 1871,) and the ratio of our increase would have been greater than that of the United States, notwithstanding the ceaseless flow of emigration to that country. Including the number of our people living there in 1870, (as shown in their late census,) and their natural increase since 1814, the British Provinces have lost more than 600,000 persons altogether!

But Confederation, with its accompanying influences, has completely changed the entire face of things in the Dominion of Canada. It has infused a wonderful degree of energy, enterprise and self-reliance into our people, just the very elements wanting while the several Provinces were isolated—with separate, and sometimes antagonistic interests.

In proof of this, it is found that never before was there such a demand for labor of all kinds, and never was there such cheerful contentedness and hope in the minds of our people. They possess half a continent of their own now, the stream of emigration is steadily turning towards our shores, and emigration from Canada has nearly, if not altogether, ceased. And not only is this a fact, but the very opposite is a fact also; for *hundreds of Canadian families, who had settled in the United States years ago, are now*

returning to Manitoba and the surrounding regions, having found that country not to have answered the glowing descriptions given of it by its friends.

If our people now desire to leave the older Provinces, they have a great North West of their own to move to,—not a parched desert region like Arizona, Colorado, and many others comprised in the great American Desert, where for hundreds of miles no vegetation for the sustenance of man can exist, (see Bell's New Tracks in America,) but millions of square miles of the most fertile lands, abundantly watered by streams, rivers and lakes—and whose mineral resources are literally inexhaustible, immense beds of coal being found on the wide plains, and gold, silver, iron, &c., among the Rocky Mountains. The climate also is found not to be surpassed in salubrity any where in America.

Only let that great iron band, that is to connect the Pacific with the Atlantic Coast, be once constructed,—let our statesmen show the wisdom and energy needful for the great occasion, and the Dominion of Canada will soon become, not merely the "brightest gem" in the crown of our Sovereign, but a "diadem of beauty," surpassing all earthly diadems.

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GLEANINGS FROM THE CENSUS OF CANADA.

In addition to the foregoing article by our correspondent, Mr. Kingston, we may refer the reader for the Census of Canada by Counties; also, for the Censuses of Manitoba, P. E. Island, and Newfoundland; together with those of Great Britain and the United States, to the *Year Book of 1872*.

For comparative remarks on the Census of Canada since the first settlement by Champlain, we refer to the *Year Book of 1873*.

POPULATION.

The Census of the four Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, was taken in 1871, and that of the Province of Manitoba in 1870. The following statement shows the population, together with the estimated population of British Columbia and the North West Territory:—

	<i>Population.</i>
Nova Scotia.....	387,800
New Brunswick.....	285,777
Quebec.....	1,191,576
Ontario.....	1,620,850
Manitoba (in 1870).....	11,853
North West Territory (estimated).....	28,700
British Columbia (estimated).....	50,000
Total Dominion.....	3,576,655

	1871	1861	<i>Increase</i>
Ontario.....	1,620,851	1,306,091	
Increase.....		221,760	16.10
Quebec.....	1,191,575	1,111,566	
Increase.....		80,009	7.20
New Brunswick.....	285,777	252,057	
Increase.....		33,743	13.38
Nova Scotia.....	387,800	330,857	
Increase.....		56,943	17.21
	3,486,003	3,090,561	
Increase.....		395,442	12.80

It may be remarked, with reference to these ratios of increase, that there is reason to believe there were errors of exaggeration both in the enumeration and compiling of the Census of 1861; the correction of which would show that the ratio of increase in the population of the Dominion during the decennial has been quite as great as that of the United States.

The settlement of the great North West of the Dominion is only just beginning, while that of the United States is beginning to be checked by having reached the borders of the American Desert, which begins at about the 100th degree of west longitude, and stretches across the continent to the Rocky Mountains.

Great acceleration of the ratio of the increase of population in Canada may therefore be looked for, while that of the United States has already been checked.