

88. The following table shows the number of marriageable men and women in each Province according to the census of 1881. The unmarried (never married) are distinguished from the widowed.

MARRIAGEABLE Men and Women in each Province, 1881.

Provinces.	Marriageable Men.			Marriageable Women.		
	Bachelors aged 20 and upwards.	Widowers of all ages.	Total.	Spinsters aged 15 and upwards.	Widows of all ages.	Total.
Prince Edward Island.	10,466	1,242	11,708	15,533	2,848	18,381
Nova Scotia	38,650	4,880	43,530	57,327	13,211	70,538
New Brunswick	27,972	4,212	32,184	39,123	8,384	47,507
Quebec	93,838	16,966	110,804	161,056	31,991	193,047
Ontario	162,981	22,189	185,170	229,286	49,136	278,422
Manitoba	9,807	530	10,337	5,425	919	6,344
British Columbia.....	11,468	714	12,182	5,129	1,127	6,256
The Territories	14,524	162	14,686	12,499	1,819	14,318
Canada	369,706	50,895	420,601	525,378	109,435	634,813

89. The single males of 20 and upwards, and the single females of 15 and upwards, or in other words the bachelors and spinsters of the population, numbered 369,706 and 525,378 respectively. Adding to this the widowers and widows at all ages, the whole marriageable population amounted to 420,601 males and 634,813 females, the latter exceeding the former by 214,212. The marriageable females were in the proportion of nearly 151 to every 100 marriageable males.

90. It will be observed that only in Manitoba, British Columbia and the Territories were marriageable women exceeded by marriageable men. The following were the proportions of the former to the latter in the several Provinces:—

SINGLE Women to 10,000 Single Men living in each Province, 1881.

Prince Edward Island	15,699	Manitoba	6,137
Nova Scotia	16,204	British Columbia.....	5,135
New Brunswick	14,761	The Territories.....	9,749
Quebec	17,422		
Ontario.....	15,036	Canada	15,093