

Urban and Rural Population Compared.—In Table 16 is presented a comparison between the urban and rural population of the Prairie Provinces. It shows that the proportions of urban and rural are practically the same as they were in 1911, the urban being 35·69 p.c. of the total as compared with 35·33 p.c. in 1911 and the rural 64·31 p.c. as compared with 64·67 p.c. But the rate of increase has become more nearly equalized, for whilst the urban has increased in the ratio of 29·13 p.c. since 1911, as compared with 27·09 p.c. for the rural, the rate of increase in 1911 over 1906 was 92·05 p.c. for the urban and 52·24 p.c. for the rural. The population per square mile in 1916 is 1·95 urban and 3·03 rural as against 1·53 and 2·37 in 1911.

16.—Urban and Rural Population of the Prairie Provinces, 1901-1916.

Provinces and Census Year.	POPULATION.			PER CENT OF POPULATION.		INCREASE PER CENT OVER PRECEDING CENSUS.		POPULATION PER SQUARE MILE OF LAND.	
	Urban.	Rural.	Total.	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
Manitoba—									
1901.....	70,436	184,775	255,211	27·60	72·40	—	—	2·87	3·97
1906.....	138,090	227,598	365,688	37·76	62·24	96·05	23·18	3·54	5·68
1911.....	200,365	261,265	461,630	43·40	56·60	45·10	14·79	4·06	7·18
1916.....	241,014	312,846	553,860	43·53	56·47	20·34	19·70	4·86	8·61
Saskatchewan—									
1901.....	14,266	77,013	91,279	15·63	84·37	—	—	0·32	0·38
1906.....	48,462	209,301	257,763	18·80	81·20	239·70	171·77	0·86	1·06
1911.....	131,395	361,037	492,432	26·68	73·32	171·13	72·50	1·48	2·02
1916.....	176,297	471,538	647,835	27·21	72·79	34·17	30·61	1·94	2·66
Alberta—									
1901.....	18,533	54,489	73,022	25·38	74·62	—	—	0·22	0·29
1906.....	57,875	127,537	185,412	31·21	68·79	212·28	134·06	0·50	0·73
1911.....	137,662	237,001	374,663	36·74	63·26	137·86	85·83	0·94	1·48
1916.....	188,749	307,776	496,525	38·01	61·99	37·11	29·86	1·22	1·96
Totals for the Provinces—									
1901.....	103,235	316,277	419,512	24·61	75·39	—	—	0·56	0·75
1906.....	244,427	564,436	808,863	30·22	69·78	136·77	78·46	1·01	1·44
1911.....	469,422	859,303	1,328,725	35·33	64·67	92·05	52·24	1·53	2·37
1916.....	606,060	1,092,160	1,698,220	35·69	64·31	29·13	27·09	1·95	3·03

Origins of the Population.—Table 17 classifies the population of the Prairie Provinces by origins, in three main groups of (a) those born in Canada, (b) those born in the United States and (c) those born elsewhere. Of the total of 926,423 born in Canada, 580,480, or 62·66 p.c., were of British and 345,943, or 37·34 p.c., were of foreign origin. Of 197,855 who were born in the United States, 106,386, or 53·77 p.c., were of British and 91,469, or 46·23 p.c., were of foreign origin. And of 573,942, the number born elsewhere than in Canada or the United States, 284,964, or 49·65 p.c., were