2. Census of the Prairie Provinces in 1926.

Under the Census and Statistics Act of 1905 and the Statistics Act of 1918, a census of the population and agriculture of the three Prairie Provinces was to be taken in 1906 and every tenth year thereafter, in addition to the decennial census of the whole Dominion. A census of the Prairie Provinces was, therefore, taken as of date June 1, 1926, and preliminary results are presented in Tables 3 and 4.

The total population of the Prairie Provinces at the date of the census was 2,067,682 as compared with 1,956,082 in 1921, being an increase of 111,600 or 5·71 p.c. The rural population increased during the quinquennial period from 1,252,604 to 1,313,951 and the urban population from 703,478 to 753,731. In considering the results of the census, it should be remembered that during the greater part of the quinquennial period, agriculture, the basic industry of the Prairie Provinces, was in a very depressed condition from which it has fortunately recovered.

3.—Summary of the Population of the Prairie Provinces, as shown by the Quinquennial Census of 1926, with comparative figures for 1921, 1916, 1911 and 1906.

Electoral districts and cities.	Population at Census Years.					Increase 1926 over 1921.
	1926.	1921.	1916.	1911.	1906.	
Prairie Provinces—						
Manitoba	639,056	610,118	553,860	461,394	365,688	+ 28,938
Saskatchewan	821,042	757,510	647,835	492,423	257,763	+ 63,532
Alberta	607,584	588,454	496,442	374,295	185,195	+ 19,130
Total	**2,067,682**	**1,956,082**	**1,698,137**	**1,328,121**	**808,646**	**+ 111,600**
Total Rural	1,313,951	1,252,604	1,094,820	861,228	562,614	+ 61,347
Total Urban	753,731	703,478	603,317	466,893	246,032	+ 50,253

4.—Population of the Prairie Provinces, as shown by the Quinquennial Census of 1926, by Provinces, Electoral Districts and Cities, with comparative figures for 1921, 1916, 1911 and 1906.

Electoral districts and cities.	Population at Census Years.					Increase 1926 over 1921.
	1926.	1921.	1916.	1911.	1906.	
Manitoba	**639,056**	**610,118**	**553,860**	**461,394**	**365,688**	+ 28,938
Rural	360,861	348,502	315,117	263,125	225,556	+ 12,359
Urban	278,195	261,616	233,743	198,269	140,132	+ 16,579
Brandon	39,647	38,500	39,440	37,794	32,189	+ 1,147
Dauphin	37,220	38,607	30,811	25,023	20,443	− 1,387
Lisgar	31,101	30,604	28,523	26,279	27,554	+ 497
Macdonald	31,726	31,877	28,068	27,366	25,504	− 151
Marquette	37,150	34,482	32,056	28,243	24,489	+ 2,668
Neepawa	28,105	29,941	28,335	25,461	24,298	− 1,836
Nelson	21,860	20,868	17,223	12,227	5,359	+ 992
Portage la Prairie	33,866	35,461	30,928	24,649	19,516	− 1,595
Provencher	31,617	29,439	27,178	24,822	22,275	+ 2,178
Selkirk	42,663	41,265	37,510	27,398	20,632	+ 1,398
Souris	25,576	24,439	26,226	25,212	25,596	+ 1,137
Springfield	35,754	30,836	28,717	20,492	15,048	+ 4,918
St. Boniface	38,987	35,429	30,139	20,411	10,590	+ 3,558
Winnipeg North	57,042	52,473	47,590	40,809	92,195	+ 4,569
Winnipeg North Centre	39,646	39,142	35,386	27,206		+ 504
Winnipeg South	41,004	32,943	27,225	22,347		+ 8,061
Winnipeg South Centre	66,092	63,812	58,505	45,655		+ 2,280
Cities—						
Brandon	16,443	15,397	15,215	13,839	10,408	+ 1,046
Portage la Prairie	6,513	6,766	5,879	5,892	5,106	− 253
St. Boniface	14,187	12,821	11,021	7,483	5,119	+ 1,366
Winnipeg	191,998	179,087	163,000	136,035	92,195	+ 12,911

NOTE.—Plus (+) indicates increase.
Minus (−) indicates decrease.