48. The next tables contain a statement of the birthplaces of the inhabitants of Canada on 4th April, 1881, together with a comparison, as far as possible, with the numbers returned at the census of 1871. They also show the relative increase or decrease among the different nativities, and their respective proportions to the population of the Provinces and the Dominion.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Birthplaces.	Persons.		Increase or Decrease.		Rate per cent.	
	1871.	1891.	Numer- ical.	Centes- imal.	Population of Province.	Total Popula- tion, 1881.
Prince Edward Island	80,271	95,234	14,963	18.6	87:4	2•2
Scotland	4,128	3,425	703	-17.0	3.1	.07
Ireland	3,712	2,915	—797	- 21.4	2.6	.06
Nova Scotia	*****	2,507	~~ ***********************************	4000000	2.3	•05
England and Wales	1,957	1,728	229	-11.7	1 .5	•04
New Brunswick	******	1,346			1.2	.03
Other British Possessions	3,246	746	-2,500		٠6	•01
United States		609			•5	•01
Quebec		177			•1	******
Manitoba		******				
Ontario	******	105	*********			
British Columbia		***;** *******		****** *****	***********	
France	***********	15			*****	
The Territories	·····	.,,,,,,		,	******	••••••••
Germany		14	•••••	•••••		
Sweden, Norway and Denmark		11		**********		
Italy		9			180106	
Russia and Poland		2			***************************************	4408H 4000000
Spain and Portugal		1	••••••		*****	10000, 20000000
Other Countries	384	11	—373		******	084008 W 00700 28
At sea		8				224600 10000000
Not given	3 23	28	295		•••••	

^{49.} The census of 1871 for Prince Edward Island not having been taken on the same basis, with regard to birthplaces, as that of 1881, a proper comparison cannot be made; 87.4 per cent. of the whole population were, in 1881, residing in or belonged