

58. The following tables show the origins of the people on the 4th April, 1881, with comparisons, when practicable, with the figures of 1871; the proportions to the populations of the respective Provinces and the Dominion are also given. The contents of these tables are also arranged numerically, the highest number being first in each column.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Origins.	Persons.		Increase or Decrease.		Rate per cent. to	
	1871.	1881.	Numerical.	Centesimal.	Population of Province.	Total Population, 1881.
Scotch		48,933			44·9	1·13
Irish		25,415			23·3	·58
English		21,404			19·6	·49
French		10,751			9·8	·24
German		1,076			·98	·02
Dutch		292			·26	
Indian		281			·26	
Icelandic						
Welsh		164			·15	
African		155			·14	
Scandinavian		38				
Italian		21				
Jewish						
Russian and Polish		12				
Spanish and Portuguese		1				
Swiss		1				
Other Origins		40				
Not given		307				

59. As there were no returns of this nature from this Province in 1871, a comparison cannot be made. It will be seen that in 1881 those of Scotch origin were the most numerous, forming nearly one-half of the population, Irish and English coming next, both in large numbers. The total number of those coming originally from the British Isles being 88 per cent. of the whole population, while of the remaining 12 per cent. those of French origin claimed 9·8.