

98. The next table gives the numbers of females at the reproductive ages (15 to 45 years), living in each Province in 1881, and their proportions to the total female population of each.

WOMEN in the Dominion of Canada at the Reproductive Period of Life (15 to 45 years), 1881.

Provinces.	Number.	Number in 10,000 Females living.
Prince Edward Island.....	25,281	4,667
Nova Scotia.....	100,739	4,578
New Brunswick.....	72,767	4,631
Quebec.....	310,144	4,555
Ontario.....	451,281	4,766
Manitoba.....	13,669	4,755
British Columbia.....	9,339	4,679
The Territories.....	3,857	1,361
Canada.....	987,077	4,249

99. Ontario had the largest number at the reproductive period, and also the largest number in every 10,000 females living, Manitoba being next, with a large difference in numbers, but almost the same proportion; the other Provinces followed in this order: British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, The Territories.

100. The following table, which is taken from the Victorian Year Book, 1883-84, gives the numbers at the supporting and dependent ages of both sexes, and of males in every 10,000 living in England and Wales in 1881. The proportions at the supporting period are in both cases higher than that of any of the Provinces except British Columbia and Manitoba, but the proportion of males at that period was not so high as was that for the whole Dominion. The figures for England and Wales being 5,836 and for the Dominion 5,974. The proportions of those of sixty-five years and over are higher than in any Province, except Nova Scotia.