

10.—Quinquennial Population of the Prairie Provinces.

The Census and Statistics Act, 1905, provided for taking a census of population and agriculture in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in 1906 and in every tenth year thereafter, thus instituting, in addition to the general decennial census for all Canada, a quinquennial census of population and agriculture for the three prairie provinces. The quinquennial census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta was therefore taken as for June 1, 1916, and the complete results were published in a report dated January 12, 1918. A summary of the principal data was published in the Year Book for 1918, pages 105-112.

Total Population of Prairie Provinces.—The male and female population of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta (a) by provinces, (b) by the electoral districts constituted by the Representation Act, 1914 (4-5 Geo. V, c. 51), and (c) by cities, towns and villages, as compared with the population by sex for 1911 and by totals for 1901 and 1906, was published in the Year Book of 1916-17 (pp. 95-105). The total population of the three prairie provinces in 1916 was returned as 1,698,220, as compared with 1,328,121 in 1911, 808,863 in 1906 and 419,512 in 1901. As the population of the prairie provinces in 1921 was 1,956,082, the increase during the five year period since 1916 was 257,862 or 15.18 p.c. This comparatively low rate of increase, as compared with the increase of 28 p.c. during the five years ended 1916, was undoubtedly due to the effect of the war in restricting immigration. Table 34 shows the population of the prairie provinces for 1901, 1906, 1911, 1916 and 1921, the population being distinguished by sex for 1911 and 1916. In Table 35 are furnished statistics of the population of Manitoba from 1870, and of Saskatchewan and Alberta from 1901, with the percentage of increase in each quinquennium.

34.—Population of the Prairie Provinces, 1901, 1906, 1911, 1916 and 1921.

Provinces.	1901.	1906.	1911.			1916.			1921.
	Total.	Total.	Males.	Fe- males.	Total.	Males.	Fe- males.	Total.	Total.
Manitoba.....	255,211	365,688	252,954	208,440	461,394	294,609	259,251	553,860	610,118
Saskatchewan.....	91,279	257,763	291,730	200,702	492,432	363,787	284,048	647,835	757,510
Alberta.....	73,022	185,412	223,792	150,503	374,295	277,256	219,269	496,525	588,454
Total.....	419,512	808,863	768,476	559,645	1,328,121	935,652	762,568	1,698,220	1,956,082

35.—Population of the Prairie Provinces by Sex at each Census Period from 1870 for Manitoba and from 1901 for Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Province and Years.	Population.			Increase over Preceding Census.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
Manitoba—									
1870.....	6,317	5,911	12,228	—	—	—	—	—	—
1881.....	35,123	27,137	62,260	28,806	456.01	21,226	359.10	50,032	409.16
1886.....	59,594	49,046	108,640	24,471	69.67	21,909	80.73	46,380	74.49
1891.....	84,342	68,164	152,506	24,748	41.53	19,118	38.98	43,866	40.37
1896.....	1	1	193,425	—	—	—	—	40,919	26.83
1901 ²	138,504	116,707	255,211	54,162	64.22	48,543	71.22	102,705	67.34
1906.....	205,183	160,505	365,688	66,679	48.14	43,798	37.53	110,477	43.29
1911.....	252,954	208,440	461,394	47,771	23.28	47,935	29.87	95,706	26.17
1916.....	294,609	259,251	553,860	41,655	16.51	50,811	24.37	92,466	20.04
1921.....	320,567	289,551	610,118	25,958	8.81	30,300	11.69	56,258	10.16

¹ In 1896 the Census consisted of a count of population only.

² Ten-year increase shown.