

BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND STATISTICS.

FIRST REPORT.

OFFICE OF REGISTRATION AND STATISTICS,

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To the Honorable MALCOLM CAMERON,	} <i>Members of the Board of Registration and Statistics.</i>
“ “ A. N. MORIN,	
“ “ E. P. TACHÉ,	

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the request of the Honorable the Chairman of your Board, I have the honor to present my First Report upon the Census of 1851. Its very incomplete state will, at the present time, compel me to deal very generally with some of the subjects embraced, as the only parts really perfected are the Returns of the Origins, the Religions, and the Agricultural Produce of both Provinces.

An immense amount of work has been performed in the Office, as will be shewn hereafter, but until the Abstracts of each portion are completed, it will be impossible to draw any accurate deductions, or compile such comparative Tables as will necessarily suggest themselves.

Before entering upon the results of this great work, it will be well perhaps to make some observations as to the machinery whereby so much valuable information has been collected and condensed.

In the months of November and December, 1851, the Commissioners for each County and City in the Provinces received their appointments, and at once proceeded to select a sufficient number of Enumerators for their respective localities. In the performance of this there were employed in Upper Canada, 45 Commissioners and 597 Enumerators; in Lower Canada, 38 Commissioners and 476 Enumerators. To each were furnished printed instructions with “Forms” of Schedules ready filled up for their guidance.

The Census is supposed to have been taken on the 12th day of January, 1852, and great credit is due to most of the parties engaged for the prompt and efficient