

been clearly proved, and the proofs furnished to Mr. Nimmo, the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics.

If the statistics published on the authority of Mr. Nimmo could be supposed to be well founded, an exodus from Canada of 125,391 in one year, would imply in a decenniad, on a moderate estimate of natural increase, at the ages given by Mr. Nimmo, a loss of population of about a million and-a-half. This would very nearly wipe out all the population in the great Province of Ontario, and more than wipe out the whole of that of the Province of Quebec, supposing, for the sake of measuring the alleged exodus with the known numbers of people living in these provinces, such comparison is made. It is known to everybody that no depopulation in Canada is taking place; but, on the contrary, the figures of the census prove that the increase within the last decenniad has been 18 per cent.; and this considerable increase is over and above all the emigration that has taken place from the Dominion within the period. We have thus, by another test, based upon well-established facts, a further proof of the grossly absurd exaggeration of the so-called statistics, published by the Chief of the Washington Bureau.

The United States Census Returns for 1880, of place of birth, have not yet been published in an available form; but by the United States Census, for the decenniad ended in 1870, the proportion of persons of Canadian birth were 12 per 1,000 of the population; while, on the other hand, the persons of United States birth in Canada by the census of 1871 were a fraction over 18 per 1,000 of the population. The following is a comparison of the differences in the years named in Canada, the figures being the numbers of persons of United States birth per 1,000 in the population of the Provinces named:—

	1871.	1881.
Ontario - - - - -	26·7	23·6
Quebec - - - - -	12·3	14·3
New Brunswick - - - - -	14·3	15·9
Nova Scotia - - - - -	5·8	6·6

After the preceding analysis of 111,170, of Mr. Nimmo's figures, out of the alleged emigration from Canada of 125,391, any further examination of the little remainder of 14,221 for all the other ports on the long Canadian frontier has certainly diminished interest. The clear statement, however, in Mr. George Johnson's Report (*see Appendix, No. 40*) * of an investigation made at your request, shows that the alleged exodus from Nova Scotia has been very weak, although Mr. Nimmo makes a claim of 14,437. It is beyond question that no satisfactory proof can be adduced in support of these comparatively large figures; and it is impossible to read Mr. Johnson's Report without feeling that they are of the same unsupported texture as the large Port Huron figures.

As respects the Province of New Brunswick, some figures given by Mr. S. Gardner, the Immigration Agent at St. John (*see Appendix, No. 44*) * show the nature of the movement between the Eastern States and that port. They do not exhibit any sign of exodus, nor even considerable emigration.

It is, however, to be remarked, as respects the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, that a considerable portion of the alleged emigration from those Provinces, as claimed by Mr. Nimmo, is at the point of Port Huron, and that has been proved to be utterly fallacious.

I have not the figures of emigration and immigration between the Province of Quebec and the New England States, but these are, I believe, considerable both ways; and also that there is a movement of the nature of that described by