

The following comparison of the population of the County of Megantic, is taken from the first census up to the last, together with the civil statistics of births and deaths for the last twenty years, which as Prothonotary of the district of Arthabaska are deposited in my office.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>R. Catholic</i>	<i>Protestant</i>	<i>F. Canadian</i>	<i>B. Canadian</i>
1827	626				
1831	2,676	343	2,333		
1844	6,753	3,306	3,387		
1851	13,835	9,876	3,959	8,423	5,412
1861	17,889	12,843	5,046	11,161	6,728
1871	18,879	13,813	5,066	12,074	6,805
1881	19,056	13,961	5,095	12,960	6,095

It will thus be seen that the english speaking population since 1871 have decreased 709.

The number of births and deaths of the different protestant denominations are as follows in the only townships where registers are kept.

	<i>Births</i>	<i>Deaths</i>	<i>Births over Deaths</i>
Township of Leeds. . . .	1678	491	1187
“ Inverness. . . .	841	301	540
“ Ireland. . . .	1016	248	768
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After deducting the total deaths from total births leaves 2495 which added to the number of protestants in 1861, to wit, 5046 would give a total of 7541, what the protestant population ought to be, had they all remained;