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## *THE GROWTH OF THE FRENCH CANADIAN RACE.*

Professor John Davidson of the University of New Brunswick, publishes in "the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science"\* an interesting paper on "the growth of the French Canadian race in America."

Prof. Davidson sees the necessity for establishing a standard rate of increase of population according to which the several nations of the world may judge whether their growth has been normal or abnormal.

There is a great amount of talk about natural rate of increase of population, but no one has been able to fix a standard so definitely that statisticians will agree in accepting it. Generally it has varied as greatly as the ratio of silver and gold, sometimes 16 to 1 and sometime 32 to 1. Malthus concluded that population when left to itself will double every twenty-five years, and *that*, in the absence of a better demonstrated standard, has been the generally accepted rate of growth; any nation which goes below that being a backward

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\*"The Growth of the French Canadian Race in America." J. Davidson  
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