







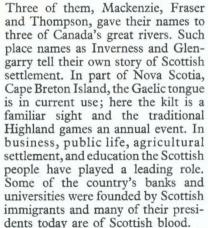




**English-Speaking Canadians** 

The other Canadian provinces are mainly English-speaking. Most recent statistics indicate that 47.8 per cent of all Canadians are of British stock. The Atlantic Provinces have the highest proportion (almost 75 per cent) and, next to Quebec, the Prairie Provinces have the lowest (45 per cent). During the American Revolution large groups of pro-British settlers (known as United Empire Loyalists) fled the Thirteen Colonies for the British havens of New Brunswick and southern Ontario and they and their descendants have had an influence out of all proportion to their numbers.

More than three million of the population are of Scottish and Irish descent. Many of the early fur traders and explorers were Scottish.



The Irish came to Canada during the terrible potato famine of the nineteenth century and settled in large numbers in New Brunswick and Ontario. Irish lumbermen played an especially colourful part in the early development of the country.



