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A Novel Exposition of Vital Statistics.

THE CANADIAN PROPLES

densus Returns That Yield Surprises to the Investigator-A Country in which Righty-Seven Per Cent are Native Born.

The Fecundity of Jean Baptiste-How the Various Provinces Are Growing -The Conservative Force in Can' ada of the Roman Cathelie Church.

(E. W. Thomson in Boston Transcript.) Ever since a small collection of uniformed men climbed up the cliff of Quebec in 1759. Canada has been called an English country. It is very much so in respect of political institutions but it might be called a French-Irish country, if the origins of its inhabitants were solely considered. The defeated of 1759 have effected wonders cated. Perhaps this makes its married by the slow process of generating their people more prudent in child producspecies more rapidly than the victors do, and it is not inconceivable that mistaken which now seems not unlike history may credit them with the more ly to reverse the conquest of 1759. enduring conquest. To a considerable extent they have been aided by Catholic immigration and to a minute degree course may be visibly seen in Montby recruits from France. Speaking by and large, it may be truly said that and large, it may be truly said that from the loins of the 65,000 inhabitants of 1759 have sprung the 1,659,352 Canadians of French origin in 1901, to say nothing of the swarms thrown off into the republic. How numerous and how prosperous this United States French section is perhaps few Americans understand. Some years ago I saw a grazetteer of French Canadian from gazetteer of French Canadian firms doing business in New England, which was about as bulky as the city direct-

was about as bulky as the city directory of Bostom.

Judging by the Canadian census of 1901, so far as reported by its first volume and numerous bulletins, the French of the dominion have been less fecund than they were formerly. Still they multiply faster than other Canadians. This is evinced by several sets of figures and percentages not visible to the tables here the averaged from the tables here the averaged from the tables here the control of the n the tables, but to be extracted from them by calculation.

Comparing the statement of "population" with that of "number of families," one discovers that the size of families was as follows:

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(Persons Domiciled Toget	her.)
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Canada 5.01	7 5.244
British Columbia 4.6	4.7
Manitoba4.99	4.79
New Brunswick 5.28	5.5
Nova Scotia 5.14	5.38
Ontario 4.80	5.00
Prince Edward Island 5.5	5.9
Quebec 5.37	
Northwestern Territories .4.7	4.6
Unorganized 1.2	

It will be seen that a diminution in census families occurs everywhere, except in the Northwest Territories. Still the family of the French province continues conspicuously the largest. This might, however, signify merely that It will be seen that a diminution in census families occurs everywhere, except in the Northwest Territories, Still the family of the Prench Territories, Still Ontario. might, however, signify merely that the French domicile two or three generations under one roof more frequently than other Canadians do. In order to test the return I worked out the percentage of increase in the num-

PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE

In Number of Houses and Families, 1891-1901. Houses. Families. Canada172 .16 British Columbia 60 .10 1.30

.30 As Quebec gains in number of houses more than any of the older English provinces, her rate of size of family prescutions and many wars. must be somewhat greater than is conservatism and progress of the shown by my first table. The slight Canadian sort might not be characterdiscrepancy between the percentages istic of the dominion if the political of increase in house and in families is strength of the English in Canada probably due to the presence of some two-family or tenement-houses, and to the abandonment of some old domi

The tale of French Canadian pro-The tale of French Canadian progress is confirmed more significantly by those census tables which show the ages of the people. There are more children per 1,000 in Quebec than anywhere else, except the new Northwest Tarritories. That this is true of all the ages between infancy and maturity is shown by a more particular examination of the census than is summarized by this official table:

NUMBER OF PERSONS OF STATED AGES Per One Thousand of Population. 0-9. 10-19. 20-44. 45-69. 70-over. 234.371 210.906 856.773 158.332 80.480 British Columbia— 169.374 133.317 468.647 131,766 11.799 270.094 215.183 379.768 120.614 13.020 nswick— 241.613 225.378 329.360 167.532 85.347 228.656 217.314 333.207 177.257 42.293 Ontario-208.393 210.148 364.892 170.918 33.487 P. B. Island-232.086 239.592 304.574 179.761 43.638 N. W. Territories... N. W. Territories— 276.242 202.365 369.196 113.628 12.074 Unorganized Territories— 80.081 59.288 67.856 72.625 2.472

This disproves the common assertion that French Canadian children die off more rapidly than others. That they do not stay in Canada after maturity so numerously per 1,000 as English Can-adians do is signified by the decline in adians do is signified by the decline in their numbers per 1,000 after twenty years of age. Hence people of the "effective ages," between twenty and fifty-five, are less numerous in Quebec than anywhere else in Canada. The province stands at the expense of rearing many workers for the United States. This partly explains why Quebec appears less prosperous than other Canadian provinces. Per contra, the French do not have so many old people to maintain. Those who go to the states appear to stay there until death arrives. By considering Quebec's com-

parative lack of mature inhabitants one sees that even a greater birth rate one sees that even a greater birth rate for each marriage exists there than the preceding table indicates. It may be worth recalling that the English provinces, because of their larger proportion of the voting ages, would gain in political power if representation in parliament were computed on the basis of mature inhabitants instead of on the basis of total population. French Canadians may be said to vote their children, as the Southern States were the dren, as the Southern States vote the colored people to whom they refuse the franchise.

It does not appear to be by excessive marrying that the French Canadians hold their lead. If they indulge in that happiness as commonly as some other Canadians, many of them, as might be surmised from the figures, do so in the states. These are the returns of married people in each thousand of the Canadian population:

Canada..... 841 British Col Manitoba 331 Nova Scotia..... 332

That Ontario, with the largest proportion of married folk, should have so comparatively few children, would please philosophers of the school of H. G. Wells, author of Anticipations, etc. The province is very rich and well edution than Jean Baptiste is. But their descendants may think the prudence

who can remember the condition westward direction, Similarly Eastern Ontario becomes more and more French.

On public works one often hears French foremen ordering French lab-orers in English. It is not necessary to explain this on the theory that English, as the more imperative and the more applicable to common purposes, in his adventurous blood, he acquires as best he can the language that may enable him to ask intelligently for work anywhere in America.

The table shows the distribution the Canadian French:

the percentage of increase in the number of houses and in the number of families, with this result:

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the percentage of increase in the number of families, with this result: total of 5,371,315 people. In the same defence they can number all Protest-ants who are liberal enough to be con-servative of the truly liberal Confederation Act, or Constitution of Canada, which accords to the French that which accords to the French that equality of race, creed and language which they value, and by which they are made loyal to the country. Its prosperity depends much on the maintenance of the remarkable degree of accord which the constitutional agreement signalized in 1867, and under which Canadians are solving, perhaps, better than any other heterogeneous people, except the Swiss, the problem

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