

# APPENDIX.

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## POPULATION RETURNS AND OTHER STATISTICS OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK FOR THE YEAR 1851.

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**Letter from Hon. Provincial Secretary to Sir E. W. Head,**  
*In reference to the Returns of the Population and other Statistics of the Province for 1851.*

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, *Fredericton, 30th March, 1852.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I beg to present to your Excellency the Abstract of the Returns of the Provincial Population and other Statistics for the year 1851, which has been compiled in my Office from the Returns sent in from the several Counties, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly 11 V. c. 27, and 12 V. c. 48.

The original documents furnish, with much uniformity, the information of which the Law required the collection; and the Abstract now presented, embodies all the details, with few exceptions. The most important of these is the quantity of Fish caught and cured. In some of the most important districts, the quantity was not stated in the Returns, from an alleged impossibility to collect the particulars; and in many of the cases in which the enumerators were more successful, the quantity and description of Fish are stated in so great a variety of forms and degrees of precision, that I have been induced to omit the whole of it, more particularly as any aggregate number of barrels and other measures of Fish, embracing various kinds and different values would, I apprehend, be useless. The money value has been stated, and that is the only point on which this part of the Returns is definite.

The number of Cows milked has also been omitted on account of defects in the Returns. I have however been led to think that the column representing the number of Cows, without reference to the state of their milk, will not materially affect any calculations which the intelligent farmer or others may wish to make with respect to the average quantity of butter produced.

As the compilation presents a great variety of Statistics, from which each inquirer will draw his own conclusions, I think it unnecessary to allude specifically to any other part of the details.

The Population has advanced nearly two per cent. faster than the combined population of the four northern States of the Union; and much more rapidly than each of them separately considered, for the ratio of increase in Massachusetts alone has exceeded that of this Province.

Under every head which is connected with the progress of civilization and comfort, there is an increase—Places of Worship and Education; Houses also, with the exception of those which are tenantless, in which it is satisfactory to observe a decreased number.

The compilation has been attended with more extra expense than I could have wished. No similar Returns had at any previous time been called for, and the ultimate labour of novel compilations is seldom foreseen. Some improvements have suggested themselves, of which a record will be made, with the view to measures to secure, on any future occasion, greater promptness and accuracy, and indeed utility, in the extent of the information collected.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

J. R. PARTELOW.

His Excellency Sir F. W. Head, Bart., Lieut. Governor, &c. &c. &c.

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## BOUNDARIES.

THE Boundaries of the Counties and Parishes to which the body of the following Compilation refers, are particularly described in the Act of the General Assembly 13th Victoria, Chapter 51, intituled "An Act to consolidate all the Laws now in force for the division of the Province into Counties, Towns and Parishes;" and the Local Act, Chapter 1, passed in the 14th year of the same Reign, intituled "An Act for erecting the Parish of Caraquet, in the County of Gloucester, into two separate Parishes."