

In 1851 there were 1,058 colored inhabitants—505 Males and 553 Females. There are now 1,581 colored persons, of whom 730 are Males and 851 Females, the increase being 49.43 per cent.

There were in 1851, 567 Male and 549 Female Indians within the Province. The present numbers are 625 Males, and 587 Females, the increase being 8.55 per cent.

There were 8,721 Births during the year in which the Census was taken, forming 3.46 per cent. of the whole population, while the Deaths—2,390—during the same period are only equal to 0.94 per cent., showing a nett gain in this comparison of 2.52 per cent. The Census Returns of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island recently published, give the mortality during the year 1860, in the former Province, at 1.41 per cent. and the latter at 1.16 per cent. The per centage of Births in Nova Scotia in the same year was 3.09, and in Prince Edward Island 2.86. As regards both Births and Deaths it will be observed that New Brunswick presents the most favorable results.

In 1851 the average number in each family in the Province was 6.11, in 1861 it is 6.26.

The number returned as Sick and Infirm in 1851, was 1.22 per cent. of the population. The Returns of 1861 show a considerable decrease, the per centage being 0.83.

There were no Returns made of the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, Idiots or Lunatics in the Province in 1851. Whether or not those classes are on the increase it is impossible therefore to ascertain. At present there are 172 reported Blind, being in the proportion of 1 to each 1,465 of the population. There are 166 Deaf and Dumb persons, or 1 in each 1,518. The number of Lunatic or Idiotic persons is 518, the proportion being 1 to each 490. Gathering our information from the best sources, we estimate the whole number who should *strictly* be termed "Lunatics" at 260, or 1 in each 969 of the population.

There is a marked improvement in the School attendance during the last decade. The present Returns give 31,973 youths at School, being an advance of 69.24 per cent. over the attendance in 1851.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS.

It was the desire of the Government that the numbers of all the various Denominations should be separately stated, but owing to misconception on the part of a large number of the Enumerators it became necessary in the abstract to include the Baptists and Free Christian Baptists in one body, and the adherants of the Church of Scotland, Free Presbyterian, and Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick in another Body. The religious views of the inhabitants were not given in the Returns of 1851, consequently no comparisons can be made.

OCCUPATIONS.

The total number of Male inhabitants over 16 years of age is 73,586, of whom 70,339 are returned as employed in various avocations.

The following Table exhibits the relative proportions of individuals engaged in the several classes of business in the years 1851 and 1861 :—

OCCUPATION.	PER CENTAGE 1851.	PER CENTAGE 1861.
Professional,	1.15	1.85
Trade and Commerce,	3.25	4.48
Agricultural,	46.81	49.76
Mechanics and Handicrafts,	17.17	15.90
Mariners and Fishermen,	3.66	3.93
Miners,	0.23
Labourers,	23.77	21.71
Miscellaneous,	4.19	2.14
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