

OF QUEBEC

	Total number	Per cent. of Increase	No. per 1000 pop.
1871	243,041		204
1881	260,539	7	191
1901	290,169	12	176
1911	316,103	8	157

Although this decrease of numerical strength is recorded in practically every county of the province, it is more particularly noticeable in the districts outside of Jesus and Montreal Islands. This may be seen in the following table.—

Population of original British Stock.	Jesus and Montreal Islands.	Rest of the Province
1871	54,955	188,086
1911	152,644	163,439

Proportion per thousand.

1871	359	181
1911	269	113

It will thus be seen that during the period mentioned outside of Jesus and Montreal Islands, the population of British stock shows a decrease of 24,647, while the increase in the other groups reaches 424,125. No wonder then that the British element, which formerly held the majority in nine counties, viz., Argenteuil, Brome, Compton, Huntingdon, Missisquoi, Pontiac, Quebec-West, Sherbrooke and Stanstead, now retains this majority in only two of these counties: Brome and Huntingdon.

An analysis of the movement of the population of original British stock and of that of French origin in certain sections of the province affords a good deal of interest, and with that end in view, we have compiled the following comparative statement from the official returns referred to. In some cases, the boundary limits of counties have been altered, but the changes are not such as to materially affect the deductions set forth in this statement.

Relative Population in Quebec Province by Counties.

COUNTY	BRITISH		FRENCH	
	1871	1911	1871	1911
Argenteuil	8,736	7,919	3,902	8,559
Bonaventure	5,770	7,316	9,545	20,035