

CENSUS OF 1884-5.

INTRODUCTION.

A Census of the three Provisional Districts of the North-West Territories was taken under authority of the Census Act, assented to on the 1st May, 1885 (48 Vic., Cap. III.)

As regards population, &c., it is a statement of facts existing on the 24th day of August, 1885, while all information relating to the Census year is for the twelve months immediately preceding that day.

The *de jure* system was adopted for the enumeration of the population.

The enumerating officers consisted of three Commissioners and one Assistant Commissioner whose duties were, generally, to superintend the preliminary arrangements and to instruct the enumerators, severally appointed for each district, there being 28 enumerators and 4 commissioners or 32 in all.

Mr. Layton, the Statistical officer, represented the Department and instructed the commissioners on the ground.

Each enumerating officer was furnished with a Manual of Instruction and Model Schedule, as a guide in making the entries.

The enumeration schedules were five in number, as follows:—

SCHEDULE 1—*Nominal return of the living*, containing 19 columns for the insertion of the answers to the questions on the following subjects: Residences, names, sexes, ages, birth places, religions, origins or nationalities, professions, married or widowed, state of education, and, lastly, infirmities, as deaf and dumb, blind and of unsound of mind.

SCHEDULE 2—*Public Institutions and Industrial Establishments*, containing 20 columns, showing the nature of the institution and the number of inmates; the kind of industrial establishment, capital invested, number of hands employed, wages paid, the value of raw material and articles manufactured and their value.

SCHEDULE 3—*Cultivated Lands, Field Products*, containing 26 columns.

SCHEDULE 4—Containing 30 columns relating to *Live Stock, Animal Products, Fur bearing Animals and Pelts*.