

COMPILERS' REPORT.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 1st., 1862.

To the HON. S. L. TILLEY, *Provincial Secretary*,

SIR,—

Having discharged the duty assigned to us, we have now the honor of presenting the accompanying Abstracts of the Census Returns of the Province of New Brunswick for 1861.

We have also added Tables, shewing the comparisons between the Returns of 1851 and 1861—the progressive population of the Province since 1824—and the per centages of Increase in the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, and the New England States, as shown by the latest Census Returns from those several places.

The evidence thus furnished of material progress in our own Province will, we believe, be extremely gratifying to all classes of our people.

POPULATION RETURNS.

A comparison with the Returns of 1851 shows an increase in our population of 58,247 souls, being an advance of 30.05 per cent. in ten years. The per centages of increase in the several Counties are as follows:—

Albert,	49.59	St. John,	27.15
Carleton,	47.40	Queen's,	25.63
Victoria,	42.40	Northumberland, ..	24.80
Westmorland, ..	41.72	King's,	23.56
Kent,	38.94	Charlotte,	18.68
York,	32.70	Restigouche,	17.13
Gloucester,	28.81	Sunbury,	14.26

It will be observed that the average per centage of increase largely exceeds that of the New England States, the Province of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

In 1851 the Males were in proportion to the Females as 99 to 94. The present Returns show that in twelve Counties the Males have increased more rapidly than the Females, and the proportion is now 65 Males to 61 Females. Under the age of 16 years the Males exceed the Females by 2,431; between the ages of 16 and 40, the excess of Males is only 869, while over the age of 40 there is an excess of 4,549 Males.

Out of a population of 193,800 residing in the Province in 1851, 40,432, or 20.86 per cent. of the whole, were born out of the Province. The total population is now 252,047, and it is somewhat remarkable that the number born without the Province — 52,602 — bears the same proportion — 20.86 per cent. — to the whole, as is shown in the Returns of 1851.

Of those born without the Province there are 30,179 Irish, 5,199 Scotch, 4,909 English, 8,721 born in other British Possessions, and 3,594 Foreigners; being an increase of 1,403 Irish, 1,002 English, 344 Scotch, 7,171 from other British Possessions, and 2,250 Foreigners, over the Returns of 1851.