

fields, extensive and productive fisheries, and rivers and lakes of unequalled extent. The country is divided into eight provinces, as follows : Nova Scotia, containing 20,907 square miles ; New Brunswick, 27,174 ; Prince Edward Island, 2,133 ; Quebec, 188,688 ; Ontario, 101,733 ; Manitoba, 123,200 ; the North West, 2,665,252 ; British Columbia, 341,305. Newfoundland lies outside the Dominion, for reasons best known to itself.

According to the census taken in 1881, the population at that time numbered 4,324,810, distributed as follows : Nova Scotia, 440,572 ; New Brunswick, 321,233 ; Prince Edward Island, 108,891 ; Quebec, 1,359,027 ; Ontario, 1,923,228 ; Manitoba, 65,954 ; the North West, 56,446 ; British Columbia, 49,459. These figures must be much added to if we would get an idea of the growth of population, especially in the North West, which has increased by leaps and bounds. Up to 1870