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183% in the urban population of Ontario as compared with a decrease of 14% in the township population in the same time.

It is something more than a coincidence that the change from INCREASE to DECREASE in rural population began with the first year in which the policy of protection, adopted in 1880, became effective. It is more than a coincidence too, that the abnormal increase in urban population began at the same time.

While urban population as a whole shows such a phenomenal increase it is worth nothing that it is the large centres which have absorbed this increase.

There are many towns and villages in Ontario that have a smaller population now than they had in 1881, 38 years ago.

Picton, for example, had 2,391 people in 1872 ; 2,833 in 1881, and 2,682 in 1918.

Napanee had 2,757 in 1872 ; 3,313 in 1881 ; 3,014 in 1918.

Walkerton had 1,070 in 1872 ; 2,612 in 1881 ; 2,205 in 1918.

Orangeville had 1,487 in 1872 ; 2,523 in 1881 ; 2,259 in 1918.