

CANADA'S POPULATION

Percentages of Native and Foreign-born—Britain's Contribution—Movement From East to West

Of the total increase of 1,835,328 in Canada's population in the decade 1901-1911, the Canadian-born contributed 947,867 or 52 per cent. nearly, natives of the British Islands 394,507 or 21.50 per cent., other parts of the Empire 13,324 or 0.72 per cent., making a total increase of British-born, including British unknown, of 1,360,577 or more than 74 per cent. of the total increase from 1901 to 1911. The increase of 474,283 in the number of foreign-born comprised 279,392 European-born, 17,366 Asiatic-born exclusive of Hindus, and 175,781 persons born in the United States.

The net increase in the native population in the ten years 1901-1911 was 20.29 per cent. Prince Edward Island is the only province that shows for the period 1901-1911 a decrease in the number born in the province and living in Canada. The greatest increase per province for native-born is shown in the western provinces, being 183.84 per cent. for Alberta and Saskatchewan combined; 88.89 per cent. for Manitoba and 44.69 per cent. for British Columbia. The large Indian and Oriental population in the latter province has a tendency to keep down the ratio of the native population. Of the four original provinces of the Dominion the greatest increase per cent. in the native population for the decade was made by Quebec with 19.59 per cent., followed by Ontario with 16.58 per cent.

Born in British Isles.

The net increase of immigrants from the British Islands in Canada for 1911 over 1901 was 101.15 per cent. The English-born increased by 153.71 per cent., the Scottish-born by 102.55 per cent. The number of persons born in Ireland and living in Canada by the census of 1901 was 101,629, as against 92,874 in 1911, being a decrease in the decade of 8.61 per cent. This was the smallest decrease for any decennial census since confederation. The census of 1901 showed a decrease of 31.87 per cent., that of 1891 a decrease of 19.59 per cent., and the census of 1881 showed a decrease of 17.33 per cent. in the number of Irish immigrants living in Canada as compared with the census figures of 1871.

The number of persons born in the British Islands and resident in Canada at each census period is shown in the following table:—

Census Year.	Birthplace,		
	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.
1871 ¹	144,999	224,422	121,074
1881	169,492	185,522	115,010
1891	219,688	149,184	107,594
1901	203,803	101,629	83,631
1911	519,401	92,874	169,391

¹Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces only.

Table Showing Per Cent. Ratio.

The foreign-born numbered 752,732 in 1911 as against 278,449 in 1901, being a net gain of 170.33 per cent. in ten years. The population of European birthplace resident in Canada increased by 279,392 or 222.54 per cent., while those of American nativity increased by 175,781 or 137.44 per cent. in the decade. The Oriental born, exclusive of Hindus, who are classed as born in British possessions, increased by 17,366 or 73.65 per cent.

The per cent. ratio of the population resident in Canada by country of birth is shown in this table:—

Birthplace.	Proportion of population born in specified birthplace.		
	1911.	1901.	Increase + Decrease —
Total	100.00	100.00	
Canada	77.08	86.98	— 9.00
British Islands	10.80	7.26	+ 3.63
British Possessions ¹	.34	.28	+ 0.6
Europe	5.62	2.34	+ 3.28
Asia ²	.63	.46	+ .17
United States	4.21	2.38	+ 1.83
All other countries	.33	.30	+ .03

¹Exclusive of Hindus. ²Including Hindus

From East to West.

The movement of population from Eastern Canada to the western provinces is given in the next table.

Province of birth.	Migrants.	
	Total.	Living in the West.
Total	482,050	352,735
Prince Edward Island	13,966	6,810

Province of birth.	Migrants.	
	Total.	Living in the West.
Nova Scotia	32,311	19,755
New Brunswick	25,961	12,507
Quebec	113,077	41,332
Ontario	296,744	272,331

Of the total population of Canada, 78 per cent. were born within the Dominion and 22 per cent. were immigrants, of the latter 11.6 per cent. were of British nativity and 10.4 per cent. were of alien birth. The per cent. of Canadian-born by provinces was 43.3 per cent. in British Columbia, 43.1 per cent. in Alberta, 50.5 per cent. in Saskatchewan, and 58.1 per cent. in Manitoba. In Eastern Canada the proportion of natives was larger, being over 90 per cent. in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and 79 per cent. in Ontario.

JUNE FIRES.

Cedar Brook, Victoria County, N.B.—June 29.—5,000 acres crown timber lands. Lumber camp of Mr. J. D. McLaughlin, of Red Rapids. Loss, \$3,000. Cause forest fires.

Clarendon, N.B.—June 29.—Inglewood Pulp and Paper Company's limits. Loss unknown. Cause, forest fires.

Earlton, Ont.—June 29.—Forest fires. Loss of \$25,000. Damage was wrought at Elk Lake, Charlton, Englehart and many other points at Northern Ontario. Temiskaming and Northern Ontario loss at Englehart, \$20,000.

Marmora, Ont.—June 23.—Hotel Royal. Loss, \$25,000. No insurance. Dr. Jones' drug store. Loss, \$2,200. Insurance, \$1,200. Miss William's millinery store. Loss, \$1,500. Insurance, \$900. Mr. F. N. Morett's residence. Loss, \$2,900 insured. Cause, supposed incendiary.

Montreal, Que.—June 22.—204-6-8-10-12, St. Lawrence Boulevard, ten firms involved. Loss, \$100,000. Cause unknown.

June 28.—Dominion Park. Loss, \$40,000. Cause, probably upset gasoline torch.

June 29.—Block, bounded by Latour and St. Genevieve Streets. Loss, \$75,000. Cause, probably children playing with matches.

Nutana, Sask.—June 15.—Loss, \$2,000. Cause unknown.

Winnipeg, Man.—June 28.—Mr. G. A. Foster's three cottages, Queen Street and Peter Avenue. Loss, \$4,500. Insurance, \$3,000, with Messrs. Allan, Killam and Mackay. Cause supposed incendiary.

FIRST WITH THE NEWS.

The Monetary Times during the past few weeks has again given its readers first news of important financial and business matters. These include:—

Establishment of the Armstrong-Whitworth plant at Montreal.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's statement regarding the distribution of Canadian Pacific Railway stock.

Purchase of the Madison Williams plant, at Lindsay, by the Boving & Company, of Canada, Limited.

Summary of the British Trade Commissioner's special report on Canada's trade to the Imperial Government.

Mr. J. K. MacDonald, president of the Confederation Life Company, on his visit to Winnipeg, presided at a dinner given by him to a number of the officials of the company in western Canada. Sir W. Whyte occupied the vice chair.

Mr. J. H. Brock, managing director of the Great-West Life Assurance Company of Winnipeg, has arrived at New York after a year's absence in Europe, where he has taken medical treatment. He returns greatly benefitted in health.

Mr. W. Robins, who has been inspector for the Hartford Fire Insurance Company in the province of Ontario, goes with the German-American Insurance Company as superintendent of agencies for Eastern Canada, succeeding Mr. Thomas C. Moore, who has become vice-president of the Potomac.

Some 25,000 acres, comprising fruit lands of Norfolk county for "prepared farms," including the entire southern portion, have been secured at a cost of over one million dollars on behalf of British investors. Mr. R. Home Smith is interested in the scheme which includes highway improvements and railway facilities.