

## POPULATION EXCEEDS 16 MILLION

Canada's population increased almost as much in the five years from 1951 to 1956 as in the previous 10, according to final tabulations of 1956 Census returns by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics which place the June 1 Census total at 16,080,791, an increase of 2,071,362 from 14,009,429 at the previous Census of 1951. This compares with an increase of 2,502,774 (including Newfoundland) and 2,141,358 (excluding Newfoundland) in 1951 as compared with 1941.

The percentage increase in Canada's population in the five years since 1951 was 14.8, comparing with 21.8 for the ten years from 1941 to 1951 (18.6 excluding Newfoundland). Rates of increase for earlier decades were: 10.9 per cent between 1931 and 1941; 18.1 between 1921 and 1931; 21.9 per cent between 1911 and 1921; and 34.2 per cent between 1901 and 1911. The latest five-year growth, if maintained until 1961, would thus be exceeded in rate in this century only by the first decade when the flow of immigration was exceptionally heavy owing to the settlement of the Prairies.

The table following shows final population totals for Canada and the provinces for 1956, 1951, and 1941, together with percentage changes.

Population of Canada and the provinces, 1941-56

Province	1956	1951	1941	P.C. Increase 1941-51	P.C. Increase 1951-56
CANADA	16,080,791	14,009,429	11,506,655	21.8 <sup>(1)</sup>	14.8
Newfoundland	415,074	361,416			14.8
Prince Edward Island	99,285	98,429	95,047	3.6	0.9
Nova Scotia	694,717	642,584	577,962	11.2	8.1
New Brunswick	554,616	515,697	457,401	12.7	7.5
Quebec	4,628,378	4,055,681	3,331,882	21.7	14.1
Ontario	5,404,933	4,597,542	3,787,655	21.4	17.6
Manitoba	850,040	776,541	729,744	6.4	9.5
Saskatchewan	880,665	831,728	895,992	-7.2	5.9
Alberta	1,123,116	939,501	796,169	18.0	19.5
British Columbia	1,398,464	1,165,210	817,861	42.5	20.0
Yukon	12,190	9,096	4,914	85.1	34.0
Northwest Territories	19,313	16,004	12,028	33.1	20.7

(1) Rate of increase includes Newfoundland which is shown in the Canada total for 1951 but not 1941. Excluding Newfoundland for both years, the 1941-51 increase for Canada was 18.6 per cent.