

CANADIAN STATISTICS.

CENSUS OF 1871.

To the Honorable J. H. POPE, Minister of Agriculture.

SIR,—I have the honour to lay before you the Report of the Census of 1871, in such a state of progress as may at once allow going on with the printing thereof.

In presenting to you the result of this labour, accompanied with the product, in the form of abstracts, of several years of statistical researches, it is right that I should mention the names of my principal *collaborateurs* in the work, with indication of the special duties, which they have been called upon to perform.

Messrs. S. Drapeau, W. H. Johnson, and the Rev. Mr. Tanguay, have been, since 1865, employed in abstracting and tabulating the Censuses and other statistical records of the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, from the earliest dates of European settlements, within limits of Canadian territory. Their experience and training have also been made available in the preparatory labours, and again in the final revision, calculations and correction of the Census of 1871.

Mr. Andrew Russell has been, since 1870, engaged in the topographical labour connected with the undertaking.

For some months before the beginning of the Census field work, thirteen Census officers were appointed to assist in the preparation, and afterwards to superintend the work of the Commissioners and Enumerators, each within a group of Districts assigned to him. The names of these officers were as follow: Messrs. John Costley and Amos Purdy for Nova Scotia; C. A. Everett and J. G. G. Layton for New Brunswick; E. U. Piché, J. A. N. Provencher, Joseph Anctil and John Lowe, for Quebec; Thomas Mayne Daly, T. P. French, W. Forster, John Barwick and Dr. John Beatty, for Ontario.

At an early period of the proceedings, Mr. Lowe having been called to the Secretaryship of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. George W. Weaver was appointed Census Officer in his place.

After the return of the Enumerators' schedules and Commissioners' reports, Messrs. Layton, Beatty, French, Purdy and Anctil were retained as Chief Compilers.

To Mr. M. J. May was entrusted the superintendence of the Stationery, the keeping of the Archives, and the supervision of the Printing.

Without any further remark, I submit to you, with confidence, the result of the first Census of Canada as constituted in 1870-71.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. O. TACHÉ.

Department of Agriculture,
Ottawa, December, 1872,