

sure of the public disappointment; somebody once said that no epidemic reduces the population of a country so much as a census.

The percentages of increase in 1901 over 1891, are as follows :

	Increase per cent.
British Columbia .....	94
Manitoba. ....	62
New Brunswick .....	3½
Nova Scotia .....	2
Ontario .....	2½
P. E. Island ....	*5½
Quebec .....	9
Territories....	122

\*Decrease.

The percentage of increase for the whole Dominion, namely from 4,833,239 in 1891 to 5,338,883 now, or 505,644, is about 10 and a half per cent.

The percentages enable us to institute some interesting comparisons with other countries. The per centum increase shown by the recent census of the British Isles, for example, was over 12, despite a loss of a million and a half of people by emigration during the ten years. So the old country can boast a greater percentage than the new. Again, the per centum of increase in Australia for the decade was 19; so Canada, poor lady, must doff her sun-bonnet to her sister Australia. Finally, the per centum in United States was 21, a formidable advance on the British figures.

Compared with the preceding enumerations, the Fourth Census makes a poor figure.

	Population.	Increase number.	Increase per cent.
1871.....	3,635,024	.....	..
1881.....	4,324,810	689,786	19
1891.....	4,833,239	508,429	12
1901 .....	5,338,883	505,644	10½

it is a fact, as undeniable as it is objectionable, that for thirty years Canada has been progressing in the matter of population at a rate a great deal slower than even the most pessimistic should