

It will be seen by comparing this with the preceding table from the United States census, that, in spite of all the efforts of the Canadian Government, the urban increase in Canada has been relatively greater than in the United States, so that the urban percentage ratio of population in Canada is within 1 per cent of being as great as that in the United States.

Percentage of urban to rural population.

| | United States. | | Canada. | |
|---------------------|----------------|------|---------|------|
| | 1910 | 1900 | 1910 | 1900 |
| Urban..... | 46.3 | 40.5 | 45.55 | 37.6 |
| Rural..... | 53.7 | 59.7 | 54.33 | 62.3 |
| Urban increase..... | 5.8 | | 8.78 | |

Now, however satisfactory, from certain commercial standpoints, these urban increases may appear, yet the fact that the United States cities have had added 11,826,198, and the Canadian cities 1,258,645, or 38 per cent in the one case, and 62 per cent in the other in 10 years, forces upon the United States, and still more upon Canada, a problem remaining as yet largely unsolved. While the number of immigrants annually arriving in Canada at present is nearly five times as great compared with the total population, as in the annual immigration in 1911, to the total population of the United States, making a relatively much larger number to be fed, and proportionately higher prices, yet the disproportion in their distribution, judged by the census figures in both countries demands in Canada, equally with the United States, the most serious inquiry by all sociologists, economists, and statesmen. The situation in both countries is rendered the more acute, inasmuch as the older States and Provinces have again in the last census shown a very serious decline in their rural population.

Percentage of population in the United States in 1910.

| Distribution. | Total. | Urban. | Rural. |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| New England..... | 7.1 | 12.8 | 2.2 |
| Middle Atlantic..... | 21.0 | 32.2 | 11.3 |
| East North Central..... | 19.8 | 22.6 | 17.5 |
| West North Central..... | 12.7 | 9.1 | 15.7 |
| South Atlantic..... | 13.5 | 7.3 | 18.4 |
| East South Central..... | 9.1 | 3.7 | 13.9 |
| West South Central..... | 9.6 | 4.6 | 13.8 |
| Pacific..... | 2.9 | 2.2 | 3.4 |
| | 4.6 | 5.6 | 3.7 |

A similar comparison for Canada is seen in a previous table.

To leave the remedy for this steadily urbanizing process to the immutable laws of nature and competition may have, even 10 years ago, seemed the logical and inevitable method of correcting social aber-