

them? Would their position and their lot be better if Quebec broke the Confederation pact? Here, sir, is an interesting table which will show how the French Canadian population has progressed since 1867:

CENSUS OF 1861.

	French population	Total population
Lower Canada.	867,320	1,110,664
Upper Canada.	33,287	1,396,091

CENSUS OF 1911.

	French population	Total population
Alberta.	19,825	374,663
British Columbia.	8,907	392,480
Manitoba.	30,944	455,614
New Brunswick.	98,611	351,889
Nova Scotia.	51,746	492,338
Ontario.	202,442	2,523,274
Prince Edward Island.	13,117	93,726
Quebec.	1,605,339	2,002,712
Saskatchewan.	23,251	492,432
Yukon.	482	8,512
Territories.	226	17,196
	2,054,896	7,204,838

That is to say, Sir, that there are today in Canada, outside the province of Quebec, nearly 500,000 French Canadians, or more than one half the number there were in the two Canadas in 1867. Is it in the interests of all those of our people of whom I have just spoken that we should leave Confederation?