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DECLINE OF RURAL ONTARIO

The population of rural Ontario increased, practically without a break, year by year, from 1872 to 1881, inclusive.

The rural population of the Province in 1872 was 1,049,931, and in 1881 it was 1,134,192.

This was an increase of eight per cent. in the ten year period.

From 1881 to 1918 the rural population of the Province showed a steady decrease from 1,134,192 in 1881 to 995,228 in 1918, or a decline of 12% in that period.

Now how about the urban population—the people living in cities, towns and villages ?

From 1872 to 1884 urban population increased from 374,854 to 636,178. This was an increase of 49% in the urban as compared with 8% in the case of the rural population.

From 1884 to 1918 the urban population of the Province increased from 636,178 to 1,582,949, or an increase



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