

THE POPULATION OF CANADA IS 7,181,869

New Brunswick Has 351,815, a Gain of 20,695 in Ten Years

St. John Has 42,363 People, an Increase of Only 1,652 in a Decade—Nova Scotia Has 2,273 More Than it Had in 1901, While P. E. Island Lost 9,537 in Same Period—Large Increase in the Other Provinces, Particularly the West.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—The population of Canada, according to the census taken on the first of June, is 7,181,869, an increase in ten years of 1,170,554.

The figures are about a million below the estimate made before the census. There are a few figures missing, Cumberland (N. S.); Regina and Battleford and Saskatchewan having reported. The returns for Alberta, New Brunswick and P. E. Island are complete, while in all the other provinces there will be small additions.

Population by Provinces.
Population of Canada by the census of 1911, less districts not reported, as compared with 1901.

Alberta	1,911,190	1,901,732
British Columbia	372,019	372,019
Manitoba	362,768	362,768
New Brunswick	351,815	331,120
Nova Scotia	2,273	2,273
Ontario	2,519,902	2,519,902
Prince Edward Island	83,722	83,722
Quebec	2,000,887	2,000,887
Saskatchewan	433,608	433,608

Population of Cities.
Alberta
Calgary 1911, 1910 Increase
Edmonton 24,872 24,872
Lethbridge 5,048 5,048
Medicine Hat 5,572 5,572
Strathcona 5,980 5,980

British Columbia.
Nanaimo 6,003 6,130
New Westminster 13,804 13,804
Vancouver 100,333 100,333
Victoria 31,620 31,620

Manitoba.
Brandon 15,837 15,837
Portage La Prairie 5,885 5,885
St. Boniface 7,717 7,717
Winnipeg 103,449 103,449

New Brunswick.
Fredericton 7,298 7,117
St. John 42,363 40,711

Nova Scotia.
Dartmouth 5,058 4,808
Halifax 40,881 40,882
New Sydney 4,418 4,418
Sydney 7,391 7,391
Yarmouth 6,571 6,430

Ontario.
Amper 4,885 4,122
Bellefleur 6,428 6,428
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Collingwood 5,073 5,073
Dundas 4,297 4,297
Galt 10,290 7,865
Goderich 4,522 4,108
Hawkeston 15,148 14,499
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Prince Edward Island.
Charlottetown 11,188 12,080

Quebec.
Montreal 1,882 1,882
Quebec 1,882 1,882
Shawmut 1,882 1,882
St. John 1,882 1,882
St. Lawrence 1,882 1,882
St. Roch 1,882 1,882
Trois-Rivières 1,882 1,882

MAY INQUIRE INTO RYDER'S DEATH

Sussex Chief of Police Will Investigate Case Further

Opinion Divided as to Whether it Was Possible for the Man to Inflict Three Deadly Wounds on Himself—Post-mortem is Likely.

Sussex, Oct. 18.—Speculation as to the manner in which William Ryder, of Jordan Mountain, came to his death is rife throughout Kings county and the general topic for conversation. William Ryder, chief of police at Sussex, returned today from the scene of the tragedy and appears to be deeply impressed with the need for investigation.

He told your correspondent that the announcement that an inquest had been decided upon was rather premature. He had made, he said, only a partial inquiry at Jordan Mountain, and would return tomorrow to get further particulars. After this it would be decided whether or not the authorities would hold an inquest.

Mr. Ryder said he found opinion very strongly divided on the question whether Mr. Ryder came to his death by suicide or by murder. Two intelligent men who had every opportunity to learn the truth held directly opposite views in the matter. "For himself," he said, "was a most singular thing that a man would float on a log where the body was found in a sitting position, and that all the blood was on the spot when he first fell to the ground."

Chief McLeod says the inside shirt was on the body when it was found and was not torn as was the outside shirt, which was badly torn several feet away from the body. The clothing is now in the possession of Chief McLeod.

In an inquest ordered on the return of Chief McLeod tomorrow night, it will be necessary to have the body examined and a post-mortem examination made.

An almost incredible theory to the effect that Mr. Ryder was shot by some other person at his request or with his consent is being propounded as one of the many stories told in connection with the tragedy.

BAHAMAS EAGER FOR AN ANNEXATION TO CANADA

Governor of the Islands at Ottawa With Mandate to Negotiate Terms of Union.

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—That the annexation of the Bahamas to the Dominion would result in appreciable benefits to both countries was the gist of an interview with Sir William Grey Wilson, K. C. M. G., governor of the Bahamas, who arrived in the city today and immediately met the premier, Mr. Borden, presumably in regard to the annexation problem.

"I am not in a position to state the exact progress of the negotiations in this connection," said Sir William, "but I am decidedly in favor of the annexation of the islands to the Dominion. The idea of a larger union in England is going to be realized sooner or later. The lessons of the great divisions must not be overlooked."

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REDUCTIONS IN EXPRESS RATES

Schedule of Charges to Western Points Published

MEANS MORE BUSINESS

Tariff to Pacific Coast Reduced by \$2.25, and Rates to Other Points Show Corresponding Decrease—Old Schedule in Effect to Eastern Points.

The substantial reduction in express rates between St. John and points in the Canadian west have gone into effect and copies of the new tariffs have been received here by the agent of the Dominion Express Company. The reductions range from \$1 to \$2.25 per hundred pounds. This will effect an important saving on express traffic between the east and the west, and is likely to result in an increase in this class of business.

The largest reduction is made on the high rate which applies to goods destined for the Pacific coast. The former rate from St. John to Vancouver and Victoria was \$14.25 and \$14.50 respectively. This is now \$12 and \$12.25, a reduction of \$2.25. This reduction also applies to other express rates to the west. On the rate to Calgary, Edmonton and other places at the same distance, the rate has been reduced by \$1, from \$10.50 to \$9.50.

A new graduated scale regulated according to the weight of parcels has also gone into effect which will decrease the charge on small packages, making, for instance, a reduction of thirty cents on the amount of thirty pounds weight between St. John and Winnipeg.

The local changes which increased the rate between St. John and points to the north of the St. Lawrence, Nova Scotia and Quebec, it was announced yesterday, had been cancelled, but the rates which had been reduced are still in effect.

ORGANIC CHURCH UNION ENDORSED BY METHODISTS

Speakers at Ecumenical Conference Dwell on Waste of Energy and Money in Divided Work.

Toronto, Oct. 17.—The ranks of the Ecumenical conference showed signs of heavy defection at the last morning session. A good stroke of policy on the part of the programme committee was shown in bringing on the discussion of Methodist union at the last sitting, when the feelings of the delegates were mellow with the prospect of farewell.

"Organic union is one thing and actual fusion is another," said Rev. W. Redfern in a paper on Methodist union. "Separation has largely equated to the spirit of fellowship. The idea of a larger union in England is going to be realized sooner or later. The lessons of the great divisions must not be overlooked."

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Mr. Salt's address was at a federation luncheon given at a table and would also be repeating the more material advantage which has to be seen through the present situation. It would be a great advantage also from an imperial point of view. I do not deny, however, that there is a section of the population who do not look with favor on any proposal to change the present status quo.

Commission to Dig Into Departments

Sir Thos. Tait Slated for Chairmanship of G.T.P. Commission?

Another Report is That Former C. P. R. Official is to Boss Government Railways—Sifton, Oliver and Rogers Met by Chance and Talked It Over.

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—There was a unique gathering in the office of the new minister of the interior, Hon. Robert Rogers, yesterday morning. Hon. Frank Oliver, who is in the city, preparatory to going with his family to Edmonton, where he will reside, called at his former office in the Langavie block to exchange the amenities of defeat and victory with his successor, the Honourable "Bob."

At the same time it chanced that Hon. Clifford Sifton also called to discuss a few matters with his political foe and recent political ally. All three met in the same room. All have a sense of humor and all smiled and exchanged mutual felicitations. History is silent as to just what was said during the fifteen minutes they remained together.

Premier Borden will, it is understood, now carry out the plan, repeatedly advocated by the Conservatives in opposition, of having a comprehensive and thorough inquiry by a royal commission into the business methods and general administration of all the large spending departments of the government.

The personnel of this commission has not yet been considered, but it will be appointed before long to conduct an investigation similar to that undertaken three years ago by the Laurier government into the affairs of the marine department.

The task of the commission will be a long and arduous one, and its report will carry recommendations as to desirable changes in the methods of bookkeeping as to possible economies, etc., which will be ready before the beginning of next autumn's session of parliament.

TAIT FOR G. T. P. COMMISSION?

Sir Thomas Tait, formerly a high official of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and recently resigned as superintendent of Australian government railways, has been in Ottawa for the past two or three days and has been in consultation with the government.

It is understood that the question of securing his services either as head of the National Transcontinental commission, in succession to Hon. S. N. Parent, or as an expert adviser on the matter of the government railway, including the Hudson Bay Railway, now in course of construction, is being considered by the government.

Hon. Mr. Parent's resignation has not yet been accepted by the government, but a new appointment will have to be made upon the appointment of Sir Thomas Tait, at a salary of perhaps \$20,000 per year, might meet the requirements advocated by Mr. Borden when in opposition, namely that eminent railway experts should be in charge of the government's railway undertakings.

On the other hand, it is stated that Hon. John Haggart, ex-minister of railways, is an applicant for the same position and his claims for some recognition under the new administration have weight with Mr. Borden. Mr. Haggart is willing to give up his seat in South Ontario for the position of minister of the Interior to Hon. W. T. White, but the pro quo has apparently not yet been fully settled. Possibly the promise of a season's pay sufficient to cover his expenses, and his resignation, might be the price.

David Henderson, member for Halifax, arrived this morning and interviewed Premier Borden, but no information was vouchsafed as to whether Mr. Henderson would resign to provide Mr. White with a seat. Mr. Henderson will get a seat for a while, but just at present there are no Ontario vacancies.

William Bragdon the Prisoner

Charged With Killing Woodman McCluskey in Quarrel

Witness Tells of Prisoner and Victim in Struggle and Hearing Shot Fired—Accused Man Said to Have Been Jealous of Attention of McCluskey to His Wife.

Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 17.—The grand jury indicted William Bragdon today for the murder of Woodman McCluskey on May 3 last. Justice White presided, and the prosecution is being conducted by H. E. McLeod, who is the prisoner's defence by F. B. Carvell, K. C.

The following jury was sworn to try the case: Thomas Watt, Edmund Lispet, Charles Williams, B. Ruffin, Arthur Avery, William Mitchell, Charles Gardner, William Loane, Hugh Tweedie, Harvey Rigger, Moses Moore, H. V. Dalling.

The witness heard were Owen Kelly, Miss Rita Lane, Dunwood McIntyre and Dr. N. P. Grant. Chief Kelly referred to the arrest of Bragdon; Miss Lane told of the death of McCluskey in the hospital, and Dr. Grant, the character of the wounds.

Dunwood McIntyre swore to the motive of the shooting. He knew the prisoner and the deceased for some years, and had been living near the prisoner, whose business made it necessary for him to be absent from home frequently at night. He saw McCluskey around Bragdon's house many times during the last two years and knew he stayed all night at different times during the absence of Bragdon. The gossip of the neighbors first called his attention to the intimacy between the murderer and Mrs. Bragdon, and he was ordered man and Mrs. Bragdon to leave the house. He was interested in and watch the conduct of the parties, which he otherwise would not have done. Their conduct, as he saw it, was "a little strange" for his imagination, and at different times he kept his eyes on them.

The evidence of the witness was so much fuller than what he gave at the preliminary examination that the heated argument between Hon. H. E. McLeod and F. B. Carvell, the former calling the latter "a bluffer," and Mr. Carvell replying that he would "show him" in court and "browbeat" witnesses for giving evidence in favor of the prisoner's wife.

The judge stopped the cross-examination but the learned gentlemen told each other that there would be no quarter given during the remainder of the trial.

The Evidence.

Owen Kelly, sworn, said he was town marshal, and had been chief of police for six years. He saw both Bragdon and McCluskey in the hospital, and saw McCluskey die. He saw Bragdon shot, and saw him taken to the hospital. He saw Bragdon shot, and saw him taken to the hospital. He saw Bragdon shot, and saw him taken to the hospital.

The Prisoner's Wife.

Mrs. Ida Bragdon, sworn, said she was the wife of the prisoner. She was married to him in 1904. She had been married to Edmund Flowers and was divorced from him in Houlton in 1909. After obtaining a divorce she was married to Bragdon and lived in Maine a while and some time in Woodstock. McCluskey had been a frequent visitor to her home when she lived on St. John street in 1907 down to the day of his death. These visits were during the absence of her husband. Last spring he came when her husband was home and he asked Bragdon if he could do some washing for him and her husband said he could not. On a few other occasions McCluskey found her husband at home and the usual row took place. For four years McCluskey has been visiting her home frequently during the absence of her husband. At 9 o'clock on the night of the tragedy, before McCluskey went out she thought she heard a noise and she brought the light. McCluskey went out and she started to walk away. The prisoner said to McCluskey that he knew him and the latter came toward Bragdon. The quarrel took place. One shot was fired in the direction of Bragdon and one in the direction of the prisoner. Bragdon told her to go to the house. He was angry but he did not hit her. The wound man passed out of the yard by Water street. "Before you get into the house," told McCluskey that I heard he was telling of his visits to me, and he said he would give me all the money he had if I could prove that he was not married to me. To Mr. McLeod—Mr. McCluskey was leaving the house when he met Bragdon in the yard. She went to the door with him when they met Bragdon said: "Who are you?" and later Bragdon said he knew him. McCluskey tried to hit him with a rock before any shots were fired. The first shot was fired a few minutes after they were pulling each other out on five minutes after the second shot was fired. She thought this shot was fired at the ground. McCluskey grabbed her husband's arm and punched it, and Bragdon fired at the stomach of the deceased, who put his hand on the wound and backed away. The fourth shot was fired at her.

The Prisoner.

William Bragdon, sworn, said he knew McCluskey was coming to see his wife for over a year. His wife and he had talked it over. He spoke to McCluskey about it. He said the money was his. He said "I am your man," and he denied it. "I told him I believed it and I warned him to keep away. I told him that where there was so much money there was a lot of trouble. I told him that where there was so much money there was a lot of trouble. I told him that where there was so much money there was a lot of trouble."

To Mr. McLeod—They seemed to come together. He would speak to a stranger and take the place of McCluskey who caught Bragdon and the latter went down. When they got up the shots were fired. He was fifty yards away and the hour was 9:30 p. m. "I saw my house with the red light away from Bragdon's at the preliminary examination. I made a mistake. Dr. N. P. Grant, sworn, said I am a medical practitioner, reside in Woodstock, N. B.

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