

REPORT

OF

THE CENSUS OF 1871.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir FREDERICK TEMPLE, Earl of DUFFERIN, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye of Clandeboye, in the County of Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh, in the County of Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of Canada and Prince Edward Island, &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

I have the honour to submit the Report of the Census of the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, taken in the month of April, 1871; accompanied with abstracts of former Censuses and other statistical information.

The labour, of which these volumes are the result, was commenced in 1864, in the Department of Agriculture of the former Province of Canada, in view of the taking the present Census, and continued from year to year, as reported to Your Excellency's Predecessors, in the yearly Departmental Reports.

The gathering and compiling of comparative statistics, and a part of the preliminary studies preparatory to the taking of the Census of 1871, thus begun before the Confederation of the Provinces, when the late Honorable Mr. McGee was Minister of Agriculture of the United Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, were continued in the Department during the term of office of my two predecessors, the Honorable Messrs. Chapais and Dunkin. The field work of the taking of the Census was done during the term of office of my immediate predecessor, Mr. Dunkin, who took a lively interest in the success of this important undertaking, and to whom is due the arrangement of the territorial divisions into Census Districts and Sub-Districts.

The work has been, from the beginning, under the superintendence of Mr. J. C. Taché, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, in furtherance of a general design stated by him in a paper which appears in the Departmental Report of 1865, and it is simple justice to him to add, that he has prosecuted it throughout with an energy and ability that entitle him to great credit.

The whole respectfully submitted.

J. H. POPE,
Minister of Agriculture.

OTTAWA, December, 1872.