

CENSUS OF CANADA, 1881.

INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL REPORT.

VOLUME FOURTH.

The contents of this Report are divided into two parts.

The first part consists of a series of tables, giving the summaries or totals of the various tables of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd volumes, with the proportionate ratios to population and territory.

The second part is a continuation of Table III of the fifth volume of the Census of 1871, being a statement of the movement of the Catholic population of the Province of Quebec, or in other words, the register, of the marriages, births and deaths of that population, from its very early settlement down to the year 1883.

It would be the most arrant presumption, and would truly be claiming to be more than human, to say that these three volumes of 1,400 pages of solid figures were absolutely perfect in every detail.

An omission of enumeration was made in Queen's, Prince Edward Island. It was of a pottery, the value of products being about \$5,000.

There exists a discrepancy, or want of proportionate agreement, in relation to the totals of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, with the industries as respectively reported last Census, and would appear to indicate that the latter had been somewhat exaggerated, while in St. John, N.B., they had, in a like manner, been underrated, and this has led to an investigation being had, with the following result:—

The underrating in the value of the industries alluded to took place in St. John, N.B., and is estimated, in the aggregate, at \$300,000, including a match factory, which had been enumerated as in Restigouche County, on account of the proprietor happening to be there at the time, where he owned a mill.