

CANADA'S POPULATION 8,772,632

Ottawa, Feb. 24—Revised figures of census returns issued tonight bring the total population of the Dominion to 8,772,643 as compared with 7,296,643, in 1911, an increase of 1,475,988.

Tonight's revisions modify the announced totals for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Ontario. The revised figure for Ontario, rather curiously restores previous unofficial computations, the total announced tonight being 2,929,054. The corrected (Maritime and Ontario) figures follow:

PROVINCE	1921	1911
Nova Scotia	523,837	492,338
N. Brunswick	387,839	351,889
P. E. Island	88,615	93,728
Ontario	2,929,054	2,523,274
Quebec	2,349,067	2,003,232
Manitoba	613,008	445,614
Alberta	581,995	374,663
Saskatchewan	671,390	492,432
B. Columbia	523,369	392,480
Yukon	4,162	8,512
N. W. Territories	6,684	18,481
R. C. Navy	485	
TOTAL	8,772,632	7,296,643

CANADIAN DOLLAR AT PAR VERY SOON?

New York, Feb. 24—"Further improvement in the Canadian discount rate is that by many bankers to be due principally to the fact that Canada is buying in preparation for the dollar loan of \$100,000,000 which has been under discussion for some time," says the Wall Street Journal, this morning.

Some traders predict that the Canadian dollar will reach par within the next few weeks, although few are willing to say that it can maintain that position. Fluctuations in the discount rate are expected in most quarters during the next few months.

Use Minard's Liniment for the Flu.

TOWN MANAGER

The citizens of the town of Sackville, N. B., which like Wolfville has been considering the proposition of a town manager, had an opportunity of hearing a valuable discussion of the subject last week, when Mr. E. Fraser Armstrong, who has made such a splendid record as town manager at Woodstock, N. B., delivered an address under the auspices of the Commercial Club. The following synopsis of the address taken from the Sackville Tribune will be of interest to Wolfville readers:

The speaker referred first to the need for this new system of civic government. Many of the business men taking part in the civic affairs of the various towns and cities, could not afford to give the necessary time to the carrying out of the details of civic policies. For this reason many good men refused to hold office. Under the town manager system, the Council formed the policies, but the executive work was left in the hands of the Town Manager, by whom all orders were issued. This meant efficiency and economy in having all departments working under one head.

Mr. Armstrong likened the Town Manager System as the nearest approach to ideal business administration. A mayor and councillors are elected, who in turn choose a town manager. The manager is responsible to the council. The speaker compared this to a business organization, the electors correspond to the stockholders, the council to the directors and the town manager to the chief executive officer.

History of the Movement
Tracing the history of the Town Management movement Mr. Armstrong stated that it started in the town of Staunton, Va., where the experiment was tried out after some friction in its council. This was in 1908. The experiment proved successful, and other towns soon followed. The largest city having a town manager is Dayton, Ohio (population 150,000).

Here the town manager has proven a decided success.

Last July 246 cities and towns in the United States had town managers and six in Canada. Since then there has been a number of additions until today there are 270 enjoying this form of municipal government.

The speaker gave as an outstanding example in Canada, the City of Westmount, Que. The service there may be exemplified by the fact that the snow is all ploughed by 8.30 in the morning. Westmount has been under this new system since 1913.

The New System As Applied To The Smaller Towns

Re the Town Manager System as applied to the smaller towns, such as Sackville,—the speaker expressed the opinion that the proposition was a somewhat difficult one; although, if once started the town would not likely want to go back to the old system. The speaker suggested that in the case of Sackville a good business man might be secured who would be able to fill the position satisfactorily.

A Criticism

The system has been criticised as being a one man government and consequently not democratic. Mr. Armstrong said it was more democratic than the present system of government by town council. With a manager a tax payer can get immediate action. Under the old system there is too much red tape. Too much committee work.

Where to Get the Man

Another argument against the new system is, "Where can you get the right kind of men for managers?" If about 270 places have secured managers, and good managers, why cannot others?" argued the speaker. Then there is a school in New York which gives special courses in municipal management.

Requirements of Manager
What are the requirements of a town manager. He must be honest. He must

have business experience, being able to organize an office and arrange details. He must have a knowledge of book-keeping. In a small town he should have a training in engineering, and finally he should have patience and tact.

The town manager should act as a purchasing agent. He should look around at all times in his travels and study conditions. When a city wants to make a purchase it frequently sends away a delegation of councillors. The manager should be so versed that he would be able to act as the best purchasing agent. He should furnish the council with all the data and information on the article in question. While the council has the power to award contracts they should have in the town manager a technical adviser. It is not the policy of the town manager to act as slaughter house of city officials. While the town manager has charge of city officials it is his duty to so place them to avoid overlapping and bring about a state of efficiency in the public business.

GOVERNMENT TO RE-PURCHASE ICE-BREAKER SOLD TO RUSSIA

The contract for the construction of an ice-breaker, awarded to Canadian Vickers, Ltd., in November, and signed by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, on December 14, 1921, has been ordered cancelled, and the Government, it is stated by officials of the Marine and Fisheries Department, will thereby save over \$1,000,000. Instead of constructing the new vessel, the Government has authorized purchase of the ice-breaker "John D. Hazen" which was sold, in an unfinished condition to the Russian Government, but which got no further on her way to Russia than Cherbourg, France, from where she is to be returned to Canada.

That the Canadian public is well supplied with banking accommodation is to be seen in the fact that Canada has a branch bank for every 1,800 people. The United States is a country in which banking facilities have been greatly multiplied and still it is found that the percentage of banks is much lower, being one for every 2,877.

The first mayor in Canada, was the Hon. Jacques Vicer, elected Mayor of Montreal in 1832.

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BANFF WINTER CARNIVAL



(1) Indian Teepees arranged down the Main Street at Banff. (2) The Ski Slide at Banff.

In a setting of snow-capped mountains and sombre pines in the heart of the Rockies, Banff, Alberta, was at its best for the sixth annual winter carnival which opened on January 28th. Under ideal weather conditions the wonderful playground was gay and smiling for the event. Banff avenue, the main street, was typical of the mid-west in the unique arrangement of teepees and pine trees. Each tent was gaily painted. Indian fashion with elk, bear, buffalo head and fantastic designs. Flags fluttered bravely in the breeze on the gay highway leading to the crowning feature, the monster ice-palace. It is built at the entrance to the new bridge across the Bow river, directly in front of the museum. In a setting of snowy pines, the spectacular palace takes the form of an old English gateway, forming a great ice-wall, 60 feet wide, across the street with drives through it wide enough to allow motors to pass. The central tower is 30 feet high, and the side towers are 18 feet high. About 500 blocks of ice each 44 inches by 22 by 28 960 pounds each were taken from the Bow river for the construction of the glistening gateway. Passing through the palace gates, roads lead up Spray avenue to the C. P. R. Chateau, to the Cave and Basin, to Sulphur Mountain and to the Alpine Club of Canada.

That the slogan of the Banff Winter Sports Association, "Let's Go," was hearkened to by people from Vancouver to Montreal was evidenced from the registration at the various hotels. Winter togery was everywhere in evidence in the blazet coats in their brilliant coloring the furs, the moccasined feet, the bright sweaters, sporting toques, toboggan costumes, ski-ing suits. There were Mounted Police in smart uniforms, pioneers in good old buffalo coats, Indians in gorgeously beaded costumes—the north, south, east and west all mingling in a happy companionship in God's great out-of-doors.

Looking up Tunnel mountain it seemed that one of the most exhilarating of winter sports was planned for extra thrills. The slide is constructed on the natural slope of Tunnel mountain and runs directly down Cariboo street, a distance of about half a mile marked all the way by flags fluttering in the breeze, giving a bright note of color to the landscape.

Banff has become one of the most prominent ski-centres on the continent. The spectacular ski-hill on Tunnel mountain was the scene of some important events in which jumpers of international fame took part.

Snow shoe parties were one of the popular forms of sport and hikes to the various favorite spots with

bonfire lunches in the mountain cabins were organized by the veteran snow-shoer, Mr. N. H. Sisson. One and all declared that conditions were never better for this form of sport and it gave the visitors exceptional opportunity of enjoying the beauty of the mountains.

Skating Canada's crowning winter sport, formed important events on the large open air rink on the Bow river, with old Mount Rundle frowning down on the merry skaters. Hockey enthusiasts had a week of sport. Teams from Carstairs, Canmore, Bankhead, Calgary and Vancouver took part in the games. A unique feature was the Packing contest in which several "old-timers" as well as Squaws from the Stoney Indian reserve took part.

Miss Phebe Senkler, of Vancouver, Queen of the Carnival, was a guest of the association and took a prominent part in the festivities.

The variety of attractions kept everyone in the real carnival spirit—the wood chopping contests, the whipper races, the sleigh dog races, the trap shooting, the Indian pow wow when the Indians, old and young, were out in great splendor, kept carnival guests busy. It all led one to declare that in summer or winter robes, Banff, rich in color and conditions, is one of the world's most glorious natural playgrounds.—C. G.