

BRITONS IN CANADA. CENSUS RETURNS OF CANADA NATIONALITIES.

Interesting Analysis of the Results of the Statistics of Population Born Outside the Limits of Canada.

Census Bulletin No. 11, giving the proportions of native born and foreign born population has been issued. It shows that England heads the list of population born outside the limits of Canada. Ireland comes next, and Scotland third. The division of races by language is also given, and will be found most interesting.

The component parts of the population of the Dominion are shown in the following table, giving the number of each nationality according to birth places in every 10,000 inhabitants.

Table showing population statistics for Canada, including categories like 'Native born in every 10,000' and 'Born in' with sub-categories for various countries.

The tables following show by percentages the component parts of the population of each province.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Table showing population statistics for British Columbia, including 'Native born' and 'Born in' sub-categories.

MANITOBA.

Table showing population statistics for Manitoba, including 'Native born' and 'Born in' sub-categories.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Table showing population statistics for New Brunswick, including 'Native born' and 'Born in' sub-categories.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Table showing population statistics for Nova Scotia, including 'Native born' and 'Born in' sub-categories.

ONTARIO.

Table showing population statistics for Ontario, including 'Native born' and 'Born in' sub-categories.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Table showing population statistics for Prince Edward Island, including 'Native born' and 'Born in' sub-categories.

QUEBEC.

Table showing population statistics for Quebec, including 'Native born' and 'Born in' sub-categories.

NORTH-WEST PROVISIONAL DISTRICTS.

Table showing population statistics for North-West Provisional Districts, including 'Native born' and 'Born in' sub-categories.

LINGUISTIC DIVISION.

The proportion of French-speaking and all others in the Dominion and the several provinces, is as follows:

Table showing linguistic statistics for the Dominion and provinces, including 'French-Speaking Canadians' and 'All others'.

Table showing population statistics for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, P. E. Island, and Quebec, including 'French-speaking' and 'All others' sub-categories.

OTHER INTERESTING FACTS.

Changes in the census taking as compared with 1881. "Bulletin No 11" is the first of a series relating to nationalities, dealing with the birth places of the people.

It also gives the number of French-speaking Canadians in each province of the Dominion. Comparisons are made between the Census of 1881 and that of 1891, for the purpose of showing the changes which have taken place during ten years.

For the Census of 1891 we took the birth places of the people, the birth places of the fathers and of the mothers. The "origins" as taken in the Census of 1871 and 1881, are omitted in the Census of 1891. It was thought that the division into native Canadians and Canadians not native was more suitable to our present status than the former division according to the races from which we originally sprung.

THE TWO GREAT SUB-DIVISIONS.

From a Census stand-point, are, 1st, those born within the country and 2nd, those who have not that honor. The first are known as Canadians by birth; the second as Canadians by adoption.

The first are sub-divided into (a) French-speaking Canadians and (b) all others. This sub-division is made because it is the great fact of Canada's population that it is bi-lingual, and accurate statements respecting this great fact are necessary for many practical purposes.

The second great fact is that Canada has, as a component part of its population, a non-native element. Of what is that element composed? To answer that question, the non-native element is sub-divided into, (a) those born in the different portions of the Empire of which Canada is part; (b) foreign-born. In addition to these great facts we have procured the data from which to learn the

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within Canada from one province to the other. From the data secured relative to birth places of individuals and their fathers and mothers we procure important facts respecting inter-marriages of persons born in different provinces, inter-marriages of foreigners and natives, of French-speaking Canadians with English-speaking, & etc., tending to show the extent to which assimilation has been carried on by the free volition of the people moving over a large area of country. These points will form the subject of a future bulletin.

The present bulletin deals with the 4,800,511 persons enumerated in the Census of 1891, for the several provinces and the provisional districts of the North-West, not including the 38,108 persons, partly estimated as the population in the unorganized territories. For purposes of comparison the population of the unorganized territories in 1881 is excluded, so that the total figures dealt with are 4,800,511 for 1891, and 4,293,879 for 1881.

The number of Canada's population born within the Dominion, according to the Census of 1891, 4,155,014, and according to the Census of 1881 it was 3,685,545, showing an increase of 469,469. The population dealt with in this Bulletin shows an increase of 506,632, in the ten years. The remainder, which is 37,163, constitutes

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as given in the Census of 1891. Of this increase of 506,632, 92.6 per cent., is credited to the increase in the number born within Canada, and 7.4 to the number of persons whose birth places were outside of Canada.

Taking the four original provinces of the Confederation of Canada, we find, that in 1891 the total increase over 1881 was 430,455. As the decrease in the foreign born was 31,518, the increase in the native born was 461,973. For the same four provinces the total increase in population in 1891 over 1871 was 558,290. The decrease in the foreign born was 19,458, showing that the increase in the number born in Canada was 577,757.

Placed in tabular form the statement is as follows:

Table showing population increase statistics for 1871-81, including 'Increase was' and 'Decrease of Foreign born'.

1881-91

Table showing population increase statistics for 1881-91, including 'Total Increase' and 'Decrease of Foreign born'.

ENGLAND AND NEW ZEALAND.

LORD ONSLOW'S SPEECH ON CLOSER TRADE RELATIONS.

The Efforts of the English Government Under-rated.—Mr. Hofmeyr's Proposal British Foreign and Colonial Trade.

In one of the happy valedictory addresses spoken by the Earl of Onslow at different places in New Zealand on the eve of quitting the Colony, the departing Governor took occasion to refer to the Imperial Conference of 1887, and expressed the hope that we might soon have another Conference. He was himself, it will be remembered, specially associated with that Conference, having been Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies at the time. Lord Onslow said, speaking at Christchurch: On these very Canterbury Plains, and throughout the whole Colony of New Zealand there is now a flourishing community, which supplies England with meat, wool, grain, and other productions, and buys from England no small quantity of the manufactures which she produces, merely taking the liberty to impose on them a somewhat high duty, which bears, perhaps, very heavily on the Colonists, but diminishes the total amount which would have to be taken to provide the interest which must be paid to English capitalists. I have often heard it said that, while we are doing all this for England, she is doing no better for her children than she does for the foreigner. I yield to none in the desire to create

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between England and her Colonies, but I feel myself bound to point out to you certain difficulties which are sure to be brought forward whenever the question is mooted. I think it necessary to say that in the history of reciprocity the efforts of the Government of England have been a little under-rated. Her Majesty's Government failed when it made an effort to induce the countries of the Continent to give up the practice of giving a bounty on the export of sugar. We threatened that if they did not give it up we would impose a duty equivalent to their bounty. But the opposition to that on all sides in England was so great that it was found necessary to abandon it. Of all the successes of the present Government none, I think, have been more conspicuous than that of

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The proceedings of that body form a complete epitome of the history of all the questions which have been in agitation for past years between the Mother Country and New Zealand. Of all the proposals made in that Conference none were more interesting than was that of Mr. Hofmeyr, the representative of South Africa, when he submitted a proposal that England and the Colonies should agree to a duty of 2 per cent. on all goods brought into their countries, and that the proceeds of this duty should be applied to the purposes of their common defence. I am sorry to say that that proposal was not adopted, and the discussion on the other side has not been heard. I should like to point out to you that if that proposal were carried out we should see a very great impetus given to our Colonial trade. But I want to point out to you that the volume of our Colonial trade, compared with our foreign trade, is somewhat remarkable.

THE EXPORT TRADE OF ENGLAND

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statesman of sagacity and ability, the Marquis of Salisbury, who has been brought up in the best school of English foreign policy. I think that in his hands the honor and interests of England are perfectly safe. (Applause.) Only those who were present at the Colonial Conference can realize the importance of it, and how many difficulties it smoothed away, how many misunderstandings it dispersed, and how it set at rest friction between different parts of the Empire. The British members were a credit to those who attended the Conference, not only in the Conference, but outside its walls, and did much to remove the misapprehensions which unfortunately existed then and of which we have heard lately.

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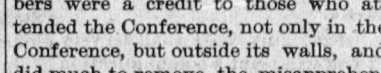
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