

FOREIGN-BORN NUMBER 752,732 IN CANADA

Almost Half of These Were Naturalized in 1911—The Latest Statistics

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Ottawa, Sept. 20.—A special report on the foreign-born population of Canada, as shown by the census statistics of June, 1911, issued to-day by the Census Department, gives some interesting particulars as to the distribution, voting strength and origin of immigrants to Canada from non-British countries. Out of the total foreign-born population of 752,732 the percentage of males was 62.6 and of females 37.4. Of the total foreign-born 62.2 per cent. resided in the Western Provinces. The United States contributed 40.34 per cent., or 303,680 of its citizens, to the Canadian immigration tide. Of European countries Austria-Hungary comes first with a total of 121,430 immigrants, Russia second with 89,984, Norway and Sweden third with 89,984, and Germany fourth with 39,577.

Nearly Half Are Naturalized.

Of the total foreign-born population 344,557, or 45.77 per cent., had become naturalized Canadians prior to the taking of the census of 1911, leaving 408,175, or 54.23 per cent., still alien citizens. Of the latter a considerable proportion have, of course, been naturalized since.

The figures show that more than 75 per cent. of all the foreign-born males in the Dominion were of voting age at the date the census was taken.

For all of Canada the naturalized foreign-born (qualified to vote) totalled only 6.62 per cent. of the total voting male population. In Ontario it was 2.90 per cent., in Quebec 2.66, in New Brunswick 1.35, in Nova Scotia 1.13 per cent. of the male population twenty-one years and over. In the western Provinces the percentage was much higher, being 24.92 per cent. in Alberta, 23.01 per cent. in Saskatchewan, 17.20 per cent. in Manitoba and 9.48 per cent. in British Columbia. In Quebec and the Maritime Provinces more than 90 per cent. of the males who by age and citizenship were qualified to vote were native-born. In Ontario the proportion was only 75 per cent., in Alberta 40.24 per cent., in Manitoba 45.18 per cent., and in Saskatchewan 46.17 per cent. The British-born constituted nearly 52 per cent. of the males twenty-one years and over in British Columbia, 34.84 per cent. in Alberta and 30.82 per cent. in Saskatchewan.

Nearly Two Million Voters.

There were 1,982,512 males twenty-one years and over entitled to vote in 1911 in the Dominion. Of these 1,442,618 were Canadian-born, 408,605 British-born, and 131,289 foreign-born.

The figures show that 94,324, or 71.85 per cent., of the foreign-born naturalized were in the western Provinces, 21,022, or 16.01 per cent., in Ontario; 13,042, or 9.93 per cent., in Quebec, and 2,874, or 2.19 per cent., in the Maritime Provinces.

Of the 346,523 foreign-born males 21 years and over in the Dominion 131,289 were naturalized and 215,234 alien. Of these there were 23,846 Austrians naturalized, and therefore qualified to vote, and 33,994 not naturalized. There were 12,001 Germans naturalized and qualified to vote, and 8,030 not naturalized. There were 1,074 Turks naturalized and qualified to vote and 1,813 not naturalized. Twenty-two thousand of the Austrian voters were in the four western Provinces, and 6,211 of the German voters. Strangely enough, Germany holds second rank in the Dominion, with Denmark first, for the proportion of her male immigrants naturalized. Austria holds fifth rank.

Numbers of Foreign-born in Cities.

Montreal has a total foreign-born population of 43,188, or 9.2 per cent.; Toronto, 33,131, or 8.8 per cent.; Winnipeg, 32,959, or 24.2 per cent.; Vancouver, 27,713, or 27.6 per cent.; Hamilton 7,693, or 9.4 per cent.; Calgary, 9,030, or 20.6 per cent.; Regina, 6,830, or 22.6 per cent.; Edmonton, 5,598, or 22.5 per cent.; Brantford 2,020, or 8.7 per cent.; Fort William, 4,746, or 28.7 per cent.

The foreign-born males of voting age in Montreal totalled 18,483, of whom 7,726 were naturalized; Toronto 13,739, of whom 3,766 were naturalized; Winnipeg, 13,428, of whom 5,349 were naturalized.

In Montreal 46.72 per cent. of the foreign-born Germans of voting age are naturalized, as compared with 29.95 per cent. in Toronto, 73.71 per cent. in Hamilton, and 76.85 per cent. in Berlin. The total number of Germans of 21 years or over in Toronto is 661, in Winnipeg 771, in Montreal 610, in Hamilton 331, and in Berlin 609.