

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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THE CENSUS OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

By an absurd error in the transmission of the census figures the population of Prince Edward Island was made less by ten thousand than the facts would warrant, but the truth remains that the Province, according to the census, has lost 9,537 of its people since 1901, or nearly 10 per cent. of the whole. The present population of Prince Edward Island is 93,722. The yearly loss has been 953, which seems almost incredible. Equally strange is the reported loss of population in Charlottetown where almost every one had expected a gain. While the loss in the city is not large, a matter of 882 persons, it is very surprising that there was not a gain of at least 1,000.

The accuracy of the city enumeration is called in question and reports are cropping up of persons and families who claim that they did not see or hear from an enumerator during the time the counting was in progress. Many new dwellings have gone up during the ten years past, the city has been extended east and north and west, and there are almost no vacant houses to be found. Under these conditions it is almost incredible that the population of the city has actually declined.

Under normal conditions, like those existing from 1871 to 1881, in which our Province received no influx of immigration but retained most of its natural increase of people, the population grew from 94,021 to 108,891, showing a gain of 14,870, or over 15 per cent. It is fair to assume that the increase by births over deaths during the past ten years has been at least 15 per cent., which, on a population of 103,259, as it was in 1901, should now have shown a gain of 15,488. With such gain the population of Prince Edward Island

should now be 118,747. We have lost all the natural increase of 15,488 and 9,537 more, according to the latest census—a total of 25,025 in ten years. If this is credible—and it must be if the enumeration is correct—the exodus has been of truly alarming proportions. Now let us extend our calculations to the three Maritime Provinces, beginning thirty years ago, in 1881, when the decline of our population below normal conditions actually began. The population of the three Provinces in that year was 870,696. By natural increase, with a gain of 5 per cent. in ten years the population of the Maritime Provinces should have been 1,001,300 in 1891. Adding 15 per cent., this should have grown to 1,151,495 in 1901 and should now be 1,324,219. Instead we have the actual population of the three Provinces according to the census of this year set down at 909,384. The actual loss of population in thirty years has thus been 414,835.

Reverting to Prince Edward Island, and applying the same process of reasoning, our population of 108,891 in 1881 should have grown by natural increase to 125,224 in 1891, and this to 144,007 in 1901 and to 165,000 in 1911. Deducting from this our present population of 93,722, as reported and the loss of population in this Province in thirty years has been 71,878.

The loss of population in the three past decades has certainly been very serious, and in the past ten years the worst of all. But sometimes at the worst things take a turn for the better, as we sincerely hope may be the case here. Our people are fairly prosperous and have not by any means lost heart or hope with the loss of their numbers.

THE CABINET HERD BOOK.

It has been stated that Premier Borden's new Cabinet does not contain a Presbyterian, which would be regrettable if true and certainly so much the worse for the Cabinet. But it transpires that Hon. Mr. White, the Minister of Finance, is a Presbyterian, as is the Minister of Customs, Hon. Mr. Reid, which fact relieves the situation somewhat. Those who take an interest in such matters may be pleased to learn the religious affiliations of Mr. Borden and his colleagues as well as the race stock from which they come. The St. John Telegraph is the authority for the following statement, re-arranged:

Borden	English	Anglican
Pogers	"	"
Hazen	"	"
Burrell	"	"
Lougheed	Irish	"
Roche	"	"
Perley	Welsh	"
Monl'	Anglo Fr.	Catholic
Nantel	French	"
Pelletier	"	"
Doherty	Irish	"
Kemp	English	Methodist
Crothers	"	"
Hughes	Irish	"
Cochrane	Scottish	"
White	Irish	Presbyterian
Reid	"	"
Poster	English	Baptist

Racially and creedially there is here a neat and beautiful blend with the Anglican flavor unmistakably dominant. There are four English, two Irish and one Welsh Anglicans. Then there are four Catholics, two of whom are French, one Anglo-French and one Irish. These are balanced by four Methodists, two of whom are English, one Irish and one Scotch. Then come the two Presbyterians, both set down as Irish, and therefore genuine. Then follows, last but not least the one solitary Baptist.

By portfolios, the Anglicans hold the Premiership, Agriculture, Interior, Marine, and State Departments. Roman Catholics have possession of the Inland Revenue, Justice, Public Works and Post Office Departments. Methodists are installed in the Departments of Labor, Militia and Railways. Presbyterians preside over the Finance Department and Customs and a Baptist over Trade and Commerce. And among the "fore-castle members" who have no portfolios are two Anglicans and a Methodist.

Seven of the Ministers are of English descent, six of Irish blood, three of French and one each of Scotch and Welsh descent. Whether the Cabinet will last over St. Andrew's night with but one Scotchman in it and he not a Presbyterian remains to be seen.

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When asked about the incident of taking the oath of allegiance he said, "The King and I are both monarchs in our own countries." Whereupon the Boston Post ironically remarks: "We will admit that the old iron master is a monarch over here, but why one monarch should go across to another monarch's domains and become that other's vassal is really puzzling." But it need not puzzle any one that a noted man who had the privilege of choice between allegiance to a British King and to an American President should choose the former.

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THE FOLLOWING WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM YESTERDAY'S ISSUE.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—It now appears that the Morocco war scare led to a good deal of searching of hearts among the English military authorities and that if the negotiations between France and Germany had come to a quick and belligerent end England would have been caught in a state of unpreparedness almost equal to that in which she found herself at the outbreak of the Boer war. Wonders have been worked during the last two months, however, and yesterday a British military expert told the writer that England was now ready to take the field at any moment.

Although the war cloud had lifted for the time being this expert was anything but optimistic about the future. The delay, he declared, was solely due to strategic reasons on the part of Germany. If war were to break out now Germany would have to deal single handed with France, England and Russia, and is Austria backed her up actively, Italy would probably join the anti-German coalition, with the idea of avenging ancient defeats and winning back her lost provinces.

If the outbreak of hostilities is deferred until winter, however, Russia will be snowbound, and Italy will also be prevented from sending an army across the Alps. The Balkan States also have a grudge against Austria and they too would have to deal with "General February." My informant, December of January.

At any rate England has profited by the delay. Immense stores of food, clothing and ammunition have been accumulated and even the army nurses have been kept busy preparing medical and surgical supplies. The plan of campaign has been worked out to the last detail and England is ready within a week of the declaration of war to throw an army of 120,000 men into Belgium, where it is expected some of the heaviest fighting would take place.

General Sir John French, who represented England, has returned home enthusiastic about the French soldier, who, he says, is the best fighting man in Europe. He also has nothing but praise for the organization of the French army and there isn't the slightest doubt that he has come to an understanding with the French generals about the military part England will play in the coming struggle. The naval side of the war, of course, would be controlled from London.

It is surprising how British feeling on the subject of a war with Germany has changed in the last few weeks. Before the Agadir incident there was a lot of irritation in England against Germany, but the great majority of Englishmen felt that war was a thing to be avoided at all costs. Today most Englishmen declare that Germany "has asked for it" and that the safety of Europe demands that she be crushed—and the sooner the better.

There is also the feeling that no time is more favorable than the present, before the Kaiser's great naval programme is complete and while practically all the rest of Europe is united against Germany and Austria. One of the things that worries the English government is whether or not Germany could be made to pay the whole cost of the war not only because of the English taxpayer's pocket, but also because of the hope of crippling Germany so effectually that she will be kept out of mischief from the English view point for years to come.

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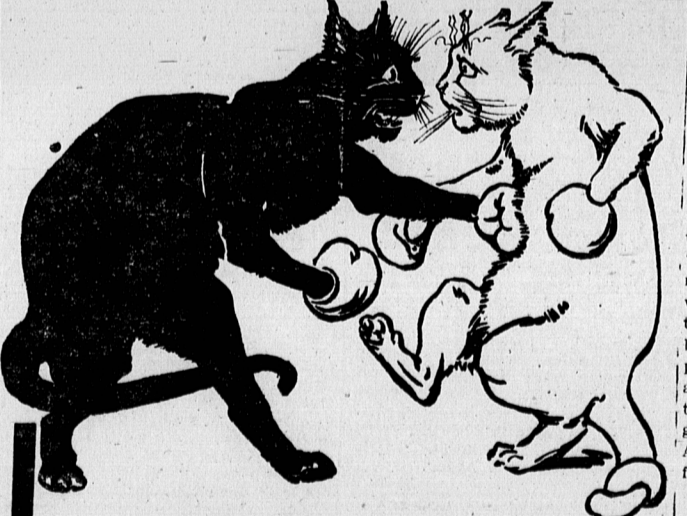
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