



PROMOTERS, PLANTERS, AND PIONEERS: THE COURSE AND CONTEXT OF BELGIAN SETTLEMENT IN WESTERN CANADA

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APPENDIX

Table 1. Distribution of Belgian Origin Population in Western Canada, 1901–91.

	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Total
1901	940 (56.6%)	NWT 310 (18.7%)		410 (24.7%)	1,660
1911	2,430 (39.6%)	1,538 (24.8%)	1,269 (20.5%)	938 (15.1%)	6,198
1921	5,320 (41.9%)	3,477 (27.4%)	2,590 (20.4%)	1,334 (10.4%)	12,711
1931	6,323 (41.9%)	4,458 (29.5%)	2,726 (18%)	1,597 (10.6%)	15,104
1941	6,715 (42.5%)	4,250 (26.9%)	2,919 (18.5%)	1,930 (12.2%)	15,814
1951	7,733 (43.7%)	4,079 (23.1%)	3,006 (17%)	2,867 (16.2%)	17,685
1961	9,698 (38.4%)	5,464 (21.6%)	5,152 (20.4%)	4,948 (19.6%)	25,262
1971*	9,055 (41.7%)	3,555 (16.4%)	4,265 (19.6%)	4,840 (22.3%)	21,715
1981*	6,500 (37.2%)	2,830 (16.2%)	4,305 (24.6%)	3,830 (21.9%)	17,465
1991**	14,715 (33.7%)	6,515 (14%)	11,045 (25.3%)	11,420 (25.3%)	43,695

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 92-913 to 92-727.

*Census takers tended to ignore ethnic origin; therefore, figures tend to be low.

**Multiple origins for both “Belgians” and “Flemish” as separate categories.

Table 2. Province of Origin of Belgian Emigrants Destined for Canada, 1912–40.

West Flanders	30.6%
East Flanders	21.6%
Brabant	14.9%
Luik/Liège	10.6%
Antwerp	9.8%
Hainaut	7.8%
Luxembourg	3.1%
Namur	1.1%
Limburg	0.5%

Source: *Statistisch Jaarboek*, 1940; cited by Marc Journée, pp. 62–66.

Table 3. Belgian Origin Population in Canada.

Census	Belgian Origin	Born in Belgium
1901	2,984	2,280
1911	9,664	7,975
1921	20,234	13,276
1931	27,585	17,033
1941	29,711	14,773
1951	35,148	17,251
1961	61,382	28,253

Source: M.C. Urquart and K.A.H. Buckley, *Historical Statistics of Canada* (Toronto, 1965), Series A83, A182.

Table 4. Periods of Belgian Immigration to Canada.

Period	Immigrants	Description
1900-14	15,891	First wave of immigration
1914-18	402	World War I
1919-28	13,263	Second wave of immigration
1929-39	1,966	Depression
1939-45	76	World War II
1946-50	3,809	Reconstruction period
1951-60	15,200	Third wave of immigration

Source: *Report of the Royal Commission on Biculturalism and Bilingualism* (Ottawa, 1970), vol. IV, Table A-1.

