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INTRODUCTION

In a former paper we discussed gross population trends among the Indian tribes of the Northern Plains, giving particular attention to the Blackfoot, Piegan, Blood, Gros Ventre, Sarsi, Assiniboin, and Plains Cree.¹ In the course of that investigation we accumulated data on age and sex distinctions, which contributed to an understanding of the observed trends. It follows that the data used in this second paper are from the same sources and subject to the limitations inherent in the situation. However, we consider these data as about all that can be expected from the past and so they must serve as the basis for this study in primitive populations. Our assumption is that trends consistently indicated over periods of from ten to fifty years have high degrees of certainty even in small populations.

As in the earlier study of these populations the tabulations are to be credited to Mrs. R. D. Sanderson, Honorary Life Member, American Museum of Natural History.

¹ Wissler, 1936a.



THE FUR TRADE PERIOD

The earliest comprehensive tabulation of population for the area under consideration was made by Henry¹ in 1805 (Table 1). From the text of Henry's journal it seems that Fort des Prairies was a general name for the entire Northern Plains and so covers, among others, the Blackfoot, Piegan, Blood, Gros Ventre (Atsina), Sarsi, Assiniboin, and Plains Cree tribes. The other localities as listed, except the first, are near or east of Lake Winnipeg and the Red River and were occupied by Ojibway and Cree.

The numbers for Fort des Prairies are so much greater that they dominate in the total. If we ignore Fort des Prairies, the totals for the remainder stand as 2679 men, 3363 women, and 6965 children, about two men to three women, and a ratio of about 530 children to a population of 1000. However, for Fort des Prairies the ratio is about 714 children per 1000 population. Further inspection of Henry's table shows 655 for English River and 612 for Fond du Lac. Some of these ratios are so high that they may be questioned. On the other hand, Henry had unusual opportunities to gather data, having, as part owner in the fur business, access to all the reports sent in by the heads of trading posts. Readers familiar with his journal are aware of his conscientious accuracy in reporting upon all matters. To verify the printed table we consulted the manuscript copy in the archives at Ottawa. As a result of these investigations we are disposed to give due weight to the population figures as given. Later we shall see that at least one reservation reported a population in which the number of children was almost three times the number of women. In another part of his journal, a few years later, Henry gives the number of men for Fort des Prairies as 4690, which corresponds closely to the number given in Table 1 and is a further check upon the data contained therein.

David Thompson,² an associate of Henry, gives some data on the Piegan as, three men to five women, stating that male births exceed female births. A later source to be cited is a report to the Secretary of War, 1820, covering tribes in the United States, as follows:—

The average proportion of Warriors (men) to the whole number of souls, is about 1 to 5. In some tribes it is more, in others less. In the tribes dwelling among white people, the proportion is about 1 to 3. The number of men and women in the Cherokee nation is nearly equal. In the Menominee and Winnebago tribes, the women are a third more than the men. The number of children is much greater in

Henry and Thompson, 1897, vol. 1, 282.
 Thompson, David, 1916, 352.
 Morss, 1922, 375.

proportion to the whole number of souls, in the two tribes last named, than in tribes mingled with white people.

Estimate of the proportion between men and women, (from respectable authority).

	Men	Women
Cherokees	Equal	
Winnebagoes	900	1300
Menominees	600	900

In the Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for 1858, Vaughan, an agent of long experience, presented interesting data for the Blackfoot group (Table 2). In this table women exceed men, but in no case does the number of children approximate twice the number of women.

In 1875 General Lawrence gives data for Indians and Europeans expressed in units of a thousand persons (Table 3), using these figures to prove that under favorable conditions these Indians could double their population every twenty years.²

One difficulty in evaluating these early data is that we have no way of knowing how children were distinguished from adults. The initial practice of government officials was to count young unmarried Indians as children, which would list too many females and too few males as adults. However, it seems safe to conclude that in fur-trade days, there were relatively more minors among Indians than among whites and that Henry was convinced that in 1805 the Plains tribes had not only an excess of women but of minors as well. The data to follow support these assumptions.

Vaughan, 1858, 80.
 Lawrence, 1875, 200.

THE RESERVATION PERIOD

In Canada, the reservation period for the Plains area opens about 1880, in the United States about 1865. The population data for this period were compiled to show sex ratios, age groupings, variations in birth and death rates, etc. As in the previous paper, the tabulations were for each successive year and according to reservation units. However, summary tables only are presented here.

Data were compiled for the following ethnographical units:—

	Agencies	Bands
Western Cree	11	52
Assiniboin	8	18
Blood	1	
Blackfoot	1	
Piegan	2	
Sarsi	1	

Two control groups were used: one, a community of Indians at Pine Ridge, South Dakota; the other, the Cree under the Carlton Agency, Saskatchewan. The various tribes of British Columbia were tabulated under nine agency groups, though the original data were given as of 241 bands and village units. Unless otherwise stated, the data are from the published government reports on Indians in Canada and the United States.

The gross populations for the tribal groups were given in the earlier paper, but, for convenience, are summarized here (Table 4). Incidentally, it should be noted that the annual tables show that the lowest counts for the Blackfoot, Canadian Piegan, and Sarsi fall between 1904 and 1929, so all these tribes are now gaining in population.

Population Trends in British Columbia

In our first published report upon these populations we were concerned with the Plains area. However, it appeared that certain population changes in this area stood somewhat in contrast with the data for Canada and the United States as a whole, suggesting that there was something exceptional in the trends observable in the Plains populations. Accordingly, we turned to the data for British Columbia as a possible check upon thi assumption. The data as listed by the Canadian Indian reports enumerate approximately 241 separate bands under nine agencies. Inspection revealed that bands were frequently transferred from one agency to another, so we adopted the procedure of list-

ing the separate bands under the agency or administrative groups as of 1896. In this way a continuity of bands was secured regardless of their subsequent agency affiliation. This is awkward, because in later years the total populations, as in our table, do not correspond to the group totals in the published reports, but since our objective is to compare population trends in British Columbia with trends for the provinces east of the mountains, the procedure is defensible.

In Table 5, we present total populations for nine agencies as listed in 1896. In later reports of the Canadian Indian Department some additional bands are listed, but since none of these appear before 1909 they have been omitted from the Table.

The official list of agencies as of 1896 is as follows:—

West Coast
Fraser River
Babine and Upper Skeena River
Williams Lake
Northwest Coast
Kootenay
Cowichan
Kamloops and Okanagan
Kwawkewlth (Kwakiutl)

The re-grouping of bands under agencies¹ after 1896 is roughly as follows:—

Williams Lake—in part transferred to Lytton.

Kamloops and Okanagan—some bands to Lytton, others to Okanagan and Nicola.

Fraser River—some to New Westminster, others to Vancouver and Lytton.

Northwest Coast—some to Nass, Bella Coola, and Queen Charlotte. Babine and Skeena—some to Stuart Lake.

From Table 5 it appears that the total population figures suggest a slight decline to 1924, after which the trend is upward. As in our previous study, the initial population figures tend to fall sharply at the outset and so it seems safer to disregard the readings for 1896. So, beginning with 1899, the tendency is for the separate agency groups to decline to 1924; the possible exceptions are the Kootenay, Northwest Coast,

¹ For an official list of Canadian reserves and the tribal affiliations of the several bands, see [Hodge] Handbook of Indians of Canada, 1913, 515-549.

and Williams Lake, which groups show no consistent changes. The Babine, on the other hand, seem to have gained since 1899; so the Kwawkewlth, West Coast, Cowichan, and Fraser River lost during the period 1899–1924; the Babine and Kamloops gained; Kootenay, Northwest Coast, and Williams Lake about held their own. In short, only two out of nine gained in population during 1899–1924.

After 1924, a slight loss appears for West Coast and the Kootenay, whereas the others gain. Thus the tribes of British Columbia present a curve of population change similar in form to that for the Plains, but chronologically different. Thus, the United States Plains Indians reached their lowest level about 1895; among the Canadian tribes studied in this paper, the upward turns were: Cree, 1899, Assiniboin, 1909, Blackfoot, 1924. Apparently the tribes of British Columbia were as slow to adjust themselves to reservation life as the Blackfoot.

SEX RATIOS

Alexander Henry¹ and other early observers called attention to the relatively large number of women among the Northern Plains tribes. So it will be important to note what changes, if any, followed reservation life. The answer to this question can be approached by listing the population data under the heads of male and female.

DAKOTA CONTROL GROUP

Doctor Scudder Mekeel kindly placed at our disposal a birth, death, and marriage register for a Dakota Indian community at Pine Ridge Reservation covering the years 1908–1929, inclusively.² For the most part, this is a register for a group of family lines, largely in-breeding; the few individuals marrying out are balanced by those marrying in. The record was kept by educated members of the group and has every appearance of accuracy. The population in 1908 was 720, in 1929, 936. The increase has been steady throughout the interval.

Tabulating the population of this Indian community by sex, we observe that during the interval covered by the record, males tend to exceed females. (Tables 6 and 31.)

CARLTON AGENCY

We have taken the data for the Cree bands at Carlton, Saskatchewan, as a second control group, because Doctor David G. Mandelbaum

Henry and Thompson, 1897.
 Copy on file in the Museum.

kindly reviewed the original records at this agency, being permitted to make a transcript of them. Since these data were thus subject to check and were supplemented by information gathered at the agency, we hoped they would serve as a control group. Table 7 presents the sex totals for all bands, showing that females have maintained a constant lead throughout and in comparison with Table 10 exceed the Western Cree female totals. Finally, the data compiled by Doctor Mandelbaum from the Agency rolls at Carlton were in close agreement with the tables for Carlton published in the Canadian Departmental Reports. Hence, we regard the published data as reliable.

When compiling the separate band tables for this agency we noted that two bands stood somewhat apart from the others, the William Charles and J. Roberts bands. For brevity, we shall speak of these two as the William Charles bands and the remaining divisions as the Six Bands (Table 7). This tabulation suggests that an outstanding example of female excess is to be found in the William Charles bands.

For comparison we present the sex ratios for ten western Cree agencies as in Table 9. (Note: the Carlton total is given in Table 7.) We observe that for Crooked Lake, Carlton, Saddle Lake, Qu'Appelle, and Edmonton, the females lead. While the ratios at the other agencies fluctuate, only one, Hobbema, suggests a slight excess of males. The William Charles bands at Carlton (Table 7) are not quite in the lead for female excess, the rank being: Edmonton, William Charles, Qu'-Appelle (Table 9).

MIGRATION AT CARLTON

At the outset we considered migration between agencies and bands as a possible disturbing factor. However, the records give these transfers, a check of which showed them to be insignificant. On the other hand, we recognized in the observed excess of women a possible stimulus to migration. Accordingly a transcript of the Carlton marriage rolls was made by Doctor Mandelbaum and tabulated as in Table 8.

The total number of women from without was 102 and the number leaving the Carlton Agency was 107. These approximately balance and should be divided by thirty-six to secure the annual average. So the effect upon population numbers is negligible.

The Cree custom is for women to marry out of their band into the band of the husband. This means, also, that the transfer or migration of males from one agency to another, will be infrequent. For the period 1896–1932, 193 women married within their own bands, an average of

about 5.3 women annually. The total number of marriages recorded was 602. The actual number of women at Carlton, twenty-one years and over, ranged from 237 in 1903 to 380 in 1934.

TRIBAL GROUPS

We now turn to the main body of data as in Table 10, which summarizes the annual tabulations. It is observable that males tend to increase relatively between 1894 and 1934. When these tribes were first settled on reservations, females were in excess of males, but after 1929 we note that males tend to equal or exceed females, except among the Cree. Further, it may be remarked that the data for the Cree include those from the Carlton Agency which we have considered separately as a control group.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The total sex ratios in Table 11 were compiled under slightly different grouping than for the total populations (Table 5). However, we note certain group differences, as males clearly exceed for the following in the rank indicated:—

- 1. Kwawkewlth
- 2. Stickine
- 3. Northwest Coast
- 4. Lytton

Females exceed for the Cowichan throughout. The West Coast Agency reveals female excess from 1895 to 1924 and again in 1934.

In the case of Babine, Fraser, Kamloops, and Williams Lake, there are no consistent differences. After 1919 the Kootenay show an increasing excess of females.

In sex ratios for the British Columbia total population, the tendency throughout is for males to lead and the relative number of females to decline slightly.

~ TOTAL INDIAN SEX RATIOS

Table 12 suggests that when the total Indian population for Canada is considered, there appears no certain change in sex ratio since 1899. The total Indian population for the United States indicates a slight increase in males for the same period. On the other hand, the totals for the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, including the Canadian tribes listed in Table 10, show that females exceed males for the whole period of 1899–1929, but this is chiefly due to the inclusion of the Cree. (See Table 10.)

The United States white population for the same period, 1899–1929 (Table 12), presents a consistent excess of males, but with a downward trend.

GENERAL COMPARISONS

Table 13 introduces some comparative data. Thus in the United States, while the tendency is for males to exceed, we note that in certain European countries females lead. These differences are often explained as due to selective migration; namely, that more males go from Europe to the United States. China reports an excess of males, which is sometimes attributed to female infanticide.

ADULT SEX RATIOS

If an excess of females is sustained in a population over a period of years, some explanation is called for, since if the usual birth ratios are maintained, it is difficult to avoid assuming that some social selective factor is operating.

For example, the history of the Northern Plains tribes indicates that in pre-reservation days many girls were captured from the surrounding tribes and brought up as future wives. On the other hand, male captives, of whatever age, were usually killed. Further, the mode of life followed by these tribes presented occupational hazards among males, as in hunting and war. Again, the information we have, indicates that murders were common among men, but rare among women. All this suggests that a complex of customs in pre-reservation days could have so operated as to reduce males and increase females.

However, when these tribes were placed upon reservations, the taking of female captives ceased, murders were checked, and the hazards of hunting reduced to a minimum. Hence, we should expect to find males increasing on reservations, at least until their numbers were approximately equal to those for females. In general, this assumption is confirmed by the tabulations presented in this paper, but further analysis is advisable.

Naturally, if the disparity in numbers between males and females is due to social selection, greater differences should appear among adults. Fortunately for us, the early data list men, women, and children, thus enabling us to compare the relative numbers for each sex with modern reservation data. Accordingly, we have compiled Table 14, which gives the sex ratios for adults and minors, respectively, our present concern being with adults. However, comparisons between fur-trade data and early reservation lists cannot be strictly exact because the dis-

tinctions between adults and minors may vary. Usually all married persons, regardless of age, were considered adults. However, the reservation rolls after 1903 record the population in age groups so that after that date we have classed as minors all under twenty-one years of age. Yet, the data for the two periods show similar sex ratios.

As previously intimated, the tables suggest that at the opening of the reservation period there was a large excess of adult women among the Northern Plains tribes. Table 14 indicates that this excess declined steadily. Thus, among the Blackfoot and the Blood, the adult women are now in the minority, and though still in excess among the Cree and Assiniboin, their lead has been greatly reduced.

In 1877 Jackson¹ reported the Hopi Indians as composed of 492 men, 440 women, and 672 children. If accurate, this is in contrast to the data we have considered, but these are Pueblo Indians. (p. 20.)

THE DAKOTA AND CARLTON GROUPS

While the foregoing presents the general status of adult sex ratios, it remains to give consideration to the control groups. Table 18 reveals that among the Dakota the tendency since 1909 has been for men to equal, if not exceed, women. Carlton Agency, however, presents a marked excess of adult women (Table 15).

In the previous section we reported the Carlton data under two heads and so to be consistent present Table 19. Relatively there are more adults in the Six Bands, but the number of men in the William Charles bands is less.

In 1911 the Agent² comments upon the William Charles bands as follows:—

These Indians through their simple outdoor life are the healthiest of the agency. They are almost independent of government assistance, receiving besides the treaty ammunition and twine, one lot of food and other supplies for the whole year for the very destitute. Their almost entire support comes from hunting and fishing with such employment as they can secure from the trading companies.

The hazardous nature of the occupations by which they subsist is demonstrated by the number of widows who appear on the annuity pay-sheets—a very much larger proportion than are found in any other band. They are moral, and law-abiding; but many of them are very fond of liquor when they can get it.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

For British Columbia we have the total ratios for adult males and females. (Table 16.) From 1895 to 1899 adult females lead slightly,

¹ In Barber, 1877, 730.

² Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs [Canada] for the Year ended March 31, 1911, Ottawa, 1911, 134.

but from 1904 males tend to lead, accelerating from year to year, especially after 1919.

SUMMARY

The tendency to excess in females is magnified when adults alone are considered. Even in British Columbia adult women led in early reservation days. In the next section we will consider the ratio of minors to adults, but the suggestion here is that in pre-reservation days all of the tribes we have studied were marked by an excess of adult women. Changes due to reservation life seem the most reasonable explanation of the present tendency toward male excess.

Doubt may arise as to the significance of the observed trends in adults and minors. Differences in age grouping could account for a decline in the relative numbers of adult females. Yet, as we shall see later, the ratio varied with the tribal mode of life. Further, the totals for males and females need be subject to no such error; they also show the same trends in sex ratios, though in smaller differences.

AGE GROUPING

It is impossible to pursue this subject further without considering age differences. Anyway, students of national populations are interested in noting the simultaneous changes in social patterns and age ratios. Upon this point our data have something to offer, though the classification used may seem a bit weird. However, we must take the data as we find them.

MINORS AND ADULTS

At the outset, we noted Henry's table for the fur-trade period according to which minors were more than twice the number of women, and for the Plains tribes in particular, three times the number of women. In our Table 14, it appears that among the Cree the tendency in late years is for the minors to approximate roughly twice the number of women. The other tribes vary somewhat in this respect, the tendency being toward a lower ratio, but in general, the ratio of two to one holds for all. In 1880, white minors in the United States were twice the number of white women; in 1920 and in 1930, 1.7 times.

When we compare the data for the respective tribal groups, ranging from 1899–1934, we note that in general minors tend to increase with the years, with the possible exception of the Blackfoot. (Table 17.) It naturally follows that adults decrease relatively. Comparing adults and

minors, we note that at the outset adults exceed minors; about 1909 their relations are reversed for the Cree, in 1924 for the Blood, whereas for the Assiniboin and Blackfoot, adults still lead in 1929. The Blackfoot seem to be the exceptional case, in that their ratios are constant; in our first paper, we noted that this group lost population steadily from 1894–1929.

Table 24 shows that for Alberta and Saskatchewan as a whole, adults were in the majority in 1900, but that after 1914 these relations are reversed.

The data for the Dakota group (Table 18), when tabulated according to minors and adults, indicate that in 1908, when the record opens, there were far more adults than minors, but that the trend is for minors to increase relatively, approximately equaling adults after 1924.

For Carlton we note that among the Six Bands minors exceed after 1909 (Table 19). The William Charles bands show a still greater excess of minors.

In Henry's data we find more than three times as many children as women, and we note here that (Table 19) for William Charles bands the ratio approximates three in 1904 and holds for succeeding years at about 2.1+. So Henry may have been right, after all, in reporting a ratio of 3+ for the Plains tribes.

For British Columbia minors and adults were considered for all agencies in one table (Table 16). Disregarding sex, we note that adults lead throughout, but that after 1904 minors gain steadily, equality being predictable for 1939. An examination of the ratios for the separate agencies shows that minors are consistently fewer than adults from 1895–1934 in the case of Babine, Kamloops, Williams Lake, and Kootenay. At the outset minors are inferior at all agencies, whereas in 1929–1934 they lead in agencies West Coast, Kwawkewlth, Cowichan, and Fraser River. Thus, all show the trend from an initial low ratio for minors toward excess over adults in the near future.

The tabulations for the United States Indians as a whole, 1910–1920–1930 (Table 20) suggest that the trend has been from an excess of minors toward equality with adults. This means that the general tendency in the United States has been downward, whereas our data for British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan show that minors are on the increase; however, minors still exceed adults among United States Indians. The Canadian Indian totals of 1929 show adults and minors approximately equal in number, a status which the tribes of British Columbia and some others are obviously approaching. There is

thus an apparent similarity between the trends in ratios of minors and adults as between the totals for Canada and the United States. In both, the trend is toward an equality of adults and minors. On the other hand, if we note the white population for the United States, adults are more numerous than minors, after 1880, and gain steadily with the years. Thus, we have one distinctive difference between the Indian and white populations.

SEX RATIOS FOR MINORS

The question naturally arises as to whether the observed excess of adult females results from an excess of female minors. The discovery that the excess of females in the total population is less than when adults only are considered, suggests that the ratios among minors will be less. A review of the tables presented shows an approximate equality of male and female minors among the Cree, Assiniboin, and Blood. For the tribes of British Columbia and the Blackfoot, female minors are slightly in the minority. Among United States Indians, as a whole, male and femaleminors are about equal.

In the Dakota control group, female minors are less than males. In the William Charles bands girls exceed boys; in the Six Bands boys and girls are about equal. This suggests that among the Six Bands, the excess of adult women is due to losses among adult and near adult males, by death or migration. In the William Charles bands, where the excess of women is conspicuous and girls exceed boys, some male losses must occur earlier.

In conclusion, we suspect that the excess of adult females observable among certain tribes is due to social conditions, since the prevailing tendency is toward equal sex ratios among minors.

These relations, taken as a whole, oppose the assumption that inaccuracy in age grouping accounts for the observed trends. Ultimately we shall note that the death rates have fallen steadily after 1890, especially among minors. As previously noted, errors in age grouping can magnify the trend, but cannot account for gains due to falling death rates. Further, the tendency toward equality of the sexes among minors is not consistent with errors in age grouping.

AGE PROFILES

Our excuse for using gross distinctions of adults and minors is to facilitate comparisons with data from the fur-trade and early reservation periods, but since later reservation data classify Indians according to age, we can give consideration to age profiles. Our points of interest are the individuality of the several Indian tribes, the question of trends in the annual tables, sex differences, etc. Here again our grouping must conform to the usage of the two administrative departments. Canadian Indians are listed under age classes as 0–5, 6–15, 16–20, 21–65, 66+; but in 1934 as 0–6, 7–16, 17–21, 22–65, 66+. The United States reports are less consistent, but in the main, some direct comparisons can be made. We have tabulated these age data annually for the Blood, Blackfoot, and Cree of Canada; also for the Dakota control group, and the tribes of British Columbia. As before, only summary values are given in the tables.

THE CREE

The annual data for the Cree were tabulated by Agencies (eleven in all), but we present the totals at intervals (Table 21). In general, there appears to be a slight decrease for the group, 0–5 years, 1900–1929; a marked decrease for the group 21–65 years. The compensating increase falls in the 6–15 year group. When the tabulations for the separate agencies were compared, they followed closely the patterns of Table 21.

Males and females are approximately equal in number for 16-20 years; excess of females occurs in 21-65 years; whereas for 6-15 they tend to be less than males; finally, in the 66+ age group the females tend to a slight excess.

BLOOD AND BLACKFOOT

The eleven Cree agencies form the largest homogeneous group, but we tabulated separately two tribes in Alberta, Blood and Blackfoot. We note that for both males and females the number of children aged 0–5 tends to increase. This probably means that more young children now survive. The result for ages 6–15 is not so consistent, showing a decided increase for the Blood, but little change in the case of the Blackfoot (Tables 22 and 23). Ages 16–20 show a decline in both tribes. Ages 21–65 show a tendency for females to decline, but males hold their own. These observations are based on a smaller number of cases than with the Cree, but since the data were tabulated annually, such consistent drifts as may appear should have considerable certainty.

ALBERTA, SASKATCHEWAN, AND BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Canadian totals for Alberta and Saskatchewan contain all the Indians we have studied and in addition a number of small forest tribes (Table 24). Thus, though not strictly comparable, we give Table 24 as a check. We first tabulated these provinces separately, but as no real differences appeared, we give the combined table. The chief changes seem to be a decrease of women for the 21–65 year group and an increase for both sexes for 0–15 years.

The British Columbia data are presented in Table 25. Both sexes decline steadily for 21–65 years; the compensating gains are seen for ages 0–15. The last period, 1929–1934, suggests a marked gain for 6–15, but a loss for the 16–20 group.

UNITED STATES INDIANS

The data available for United States Indians cannot be handled in the same way, so we must be content with certain gross statistics as found in the United States Census (Table 26). Some trends are suggested for the United States Indian totals, as decrease in age group 0–5 and increases for 21–65.

The Dakota control group is presented in Table 27. We see that for ages 0-5 both sexes decrease relatively from 1909 to 1929, 6-15 about hold their own, whereas 16-20 increase. We divided adults into three groups; decreases are evident for 21-40; 41-65 tend to hold even, but an increase is observed for 66+.

INDIAN AND WHITE

The available data for white age grouping are tabulated in a slightly different manner (Table 28), but for 1930, the groupings are the same as for the Indians. Taking note of these differences, we may compare Tables 24 and 28. Among Indians we find many more children in the first age groups, 0–4 and 0–5. The conspicuous trend in the white population is the increase for 20+ and the compensating decline for children and adolescents. Among the Indians of Alberta and Saskatchewan the changes have been in reverse order.

PUEBLO INDIANS AND SPANISH AMERICANS

While in New Mexico Mrs. Sanderson examined the government records for the Pueblo villages under the Santa Fé School Jurisdiction and for comparison the records of Rio Arriba County, the population of which is almost wholly Spanish American (Table 29). The Pueblo population base was 2294 and for Rio Arriba County, 21,381.

We note that when divided according to sex, males exceed, except among the mixed bloods. However, this difference is not certain. When the total Pueblo is compared with Rio Arriba County and with United States Indians as a whole, males exceed in all. If adults are considered, then (Table 30) these differences are emphasized. Adult women are in the minority, except in the mixed blood group. In age grouping, United States Indians and Rio Arriba County present a closely similar profile. The Pueblos, as a whole, show a higher rate for ages 0–5 and 21–65. Naturally, age groups 6–15 and 16–20 are lower. This may mean a higher birth rate for the Pueblo villages and a higher death rate for ages 6–20.

In general, the foregoing suggests that the social factors regulating the age-at-death profiles among these Spanish Americans, operate on a level comparable to the average United States Indian community. Since the tabulation is for 1934 only, trends cannot be considered. Local opinion was that the records were inaccurate, but we see consistencies in this sample suggesting that if carried over a term of years these inaccuracies will not obscure the trends and group differences.

Finally, we are indebted to Professor Li An-Che for some Zuñi data, 1935, as follows:—

Ages	M	ales	Females	
	Actual	Per 1000	Actual	Per 1000
0-4	125	61	102	50
5–14	263	129	213	105
15–19	111	54	7 6	37
20-44	403	198	308	151
45+	254	125	181	89
Totals	1156	567	880	433

The excess of males is here greater than so far observed by us; even among the children this is noticeable.

SUMMARY

We note that for the white population in the United States the age groups 0-5, 6-15, 16-20, have decreased steadily, whereas 21+ shows a compensating increase. The six Indian tribal and group tables show that in every case 21-65 registers a decrease, which must mean that from year to year more and more Indian young people survive. Noting the subdivisions among Indian minors, it appears that they do not present the same uniformity as in case of whites; 0-5 years increase for all except the Dakota and the Cree, 6-15 show a tendency to increase throughout, but 16-20 decrease throughout. We can then revise the

above statement in that Indians 16-65 decrease relatively; the earlier ages tend to increase. This implies corresponding progressive changes in either birth or death rate, since 1900, perhaps in both.

BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

It is obvious that if Indian population is increasing, births should exceed deaths. Unfortunately, most of the data on such matters pertain to late reservation days only. So it seems best to begin with our two control groups.

THE DAKOTA GROUP

The population of the registered group in 1908 was 720, in 1929, 936; the increase has been steady (Table 31). The births and deaths were tabulated annually and are presented in the tables. If we round off deaths and births and average in five year periods the result may be seen in Table 32. No certain change is seen in the birth rate, which averages 42.

The death rate shows a change after 1915, averaging about 37. The much lower rate for the preceding years may be a statistical error, but we were unable to locate such a disturbance. On the other hand, influenza prevailed after 1915 and tuberculosis was reported as common.

A recent report for Zuñi Indians records a death rate of 42 which is much higher than the Dakota average rate, but about the same as for the years 1920–21–24–27.

The sex ratio in these Dakota births is about 106 males to 100 females. In population totals, males show an increasing lead after 1914, and the deaths show a slight excess for females.

We can now check the various tabulations for the Dakota group. Thus, from 1916 to 1930 the population gained 87 individuals. The excess of births over deaths was 84. However, a small number of males migrated, twelve went out, ten came in; twenty-three females married out, thirty-two married in. Thus, during the period of fourteen years there was a net population gain, by migration, of seven persons. If this is taken into account there is a discrepancy of four individuals in our tabulation. This is a relatively small error and does not demand a reclassification and tabulation of the register.

BIRTH RATES ON RESERVATIONS

We were not able to tabulate birth rates for the entire period, 1895–1934, but in Table 34 present a straggling sample. We have repeated

the birth rates for the Dakota control group as a check; for the Carlton group see Table 37. It is noted that the Plains tribes studied present a high, fairly uniform birth rate which averages around 44. However, our control groups average 42. The rate is approximately constant, though the totals show a slight progressive downward trend. Table 17 reveals an increase in minors, such a trend might be expected.

On the other hand, the Indians of British Columbia show lower birth rates, with a tendency to rise. We offer no explanation for these differences, though the original modes of life among Plains Indians are not closely similar to those in British Columbia.

Our rate for the Plains tribes is in agreement with Ferguson¹ who found a rate of about 40 for the period 1883-1926. The rate was fairly constant, but with the suggestion of a slight downward tendency. Doctor Aberle's study of an Indian village in New Mexico showed a high birth rate. On the other hand, the Meriam report³ gives the birth rate for all United States Indians as ranging from 29.0 to 31.8 for the period 1915–1925, approximately constant.

So far we have used crude birth rates, but since we have the ages of individuals in the Dakota group the average annual reproductive rate can be calculated as follows:-

Average—Women	Average—Children	Children
20-44 years	0-4 years	per 1000 women
128	142	1108

However, we observe that the relative number of young children increased regularly from year to year, so the rates 981 (1909) and 1118 (1929) in Table 33 should be regarded.

While we lack the exact data for the Canadian tribal groups and bands studied, a rough estimate can be made by using the age ratios for the Dakota group. Proceeding in this way we find the reproductive rates as in Table 33. If, by the same method, we estimate the ratio of children to women for Plains Indians (Fort des Prairies) in Table 1, the result is about 1800. Osborn⁴ gives 924 for United States Indians as a whole, 1051 for Chinese and 1090 for Filipino; all of which suggests that the probable rates for the Indian tribes studied are among the highest on

However, the reader should note that the ratios in Table 33 are

Ferguson, 1928, 10.
 Aberle, 1931.
 Meriam, 1928, 196.
 Lorimer and Osborn, 1934, 43.

estimates, except for the Dakota. So the high ratios for some tribes may be discounted. Probably the estimates for later years are the more reliable; these range from 943 to 1301. Yet these ratios tend to be higher than those for 1904. This need not imply an increase in the birth rate so much as an increase in the survival of children under five years. For example, among Indians in the United States the percentage of deaths under three years of age fell from 41 per cent in 1914 to 23 per cent in 1920.

Some progress has been made in determining the fecundity of Indian women. Thus, Doctor Aberle¹ made the most exhaustive study, finding in a small Pueblo village a modal interval of twenty-four months. The average number of births per woman was 9.4. Observations upon a small number of Sioux women² suggest an average of 6.9 to 8.1.

A general résumé of our birth statistics indicates that among the Indians of the Canadian Plains the birth rate has been roughly constant and uniformly high, possibly near the physiological maximum. It is a prevailing opinion that the falling birth rates among civilized whites are due to economic and social causes, but we see here that birth rates among the Indians studied have not been modified by such social factors. There is the additional point, that whereas the stresses of reservation life modified the death rates among Indians, they failed to change the birth rate.

DEATH RATES ON RESERVATIONS

The trends in death rates for the control groups are seen in Tables 34 and 37. For Carlton, the trend is toward lower rates; for the Dakota group the rate became stabilized about 1915. For the Cree, Blackfoot, Assiniboin, and British Columbia, the trend is clearly downward.

For United States Indians as a whole, 1914–1920, the trend has been steadily downward. The Meriam Report³ gives the Indian rate for Montana as 20.4 in 1925; for the whites in the same territory as 7.7. On the other hand, the Bureau of Indian Affairs reported a death rate of 42 for the Zuñi of New Mexico in 1934 which is comparable to some of the death rates in Table 34.

Clements⁴ was of the opinion that tuberculosis was the chief factor in Indian mortality. Doctor Ferguson⁵ presents detailed evidence in support of this view in a special study of Indians on the Blackfoot,

¹ Aberle, 1931. ² Hrdlicka, 1931. ³ Meriam, 1928, 196. ⁴ Clements, 1931. ⁵ Ferguson, 1928.

Battleford, Crooked Lake, and Qu'Appelle reservations, which are among those studied by us. Even in 1928 he finds the Indian death rate for tuberculosis was twenty times that for the surrounding white popula-However, we are interested in the total death rate; Doctor Ferguson¹ finds that for the agencies listed above the death rate falls after 1904, reaching an average of about 30 in 1928 which agrees closely with our tabulation. He reports upon data preceding 1895, a period for which satisfactory records were not available to us, stating that after these Indians were placed upon reservations, death rates rose rapidly from 40 to over 100 per 1000. On the Qu'Appelle reserve the rate reached a maximum of 137 per 1000 in 1890.

The following is quoted as a summary statement:—

The general death rate, as derived from the annuity records, rose from 40 per thousand in 1881 to 127 per thousand in 1886, an increase of 87 per thousand in only six years. Vital statistics records for these reserves show that the tuberculosis death rate rose from approximately 10 per thousand in 1881 to 90 per thousand in 1886, an increase of approximately 80 per thousand in the same six years. Evidently the rise in the general death rate was due almost entirely to the increase in the tuberculosis death rate.2

The chief test for our data has been consistency in trends. birth and death rates are assumed to determine whether populations grow or decline. Returning to Table 34, Blackfoot shows an unfavorable balance between birth and death rates. We find that this group lost in numbers until 1924. All the other groups gained regularly, as they should, with such favorable death and birth rates.

In general, for the Plains tribes studied, the death rate trend between 1880 and 1934 shows a sharp rise to a peak about 1890, followed by a partial recovery and then a steady decline until 1934. Hence, the death rate is the chief variable and probably the most sensitive to mode of life.

AGE AT DEATH

In 1931 Clements published an age mortality table for Indians in Arizona.³ Later Krogman gave a similar table for the Seminole.⁴ The writer published a table for the Dakota control group with a discussion of the trends in such statistics, the import of which was that age-atdeath profiles were not constant.⁵ The trends in age and sex grouping shown in the tabulations in this paper, could not occur unless there were

¹ Ferguson, 1928, 10: ² Ferguson, 1934, 2. ³ Clements, 1931. ⁴ Krogman, 1935.

Wissler, 1936d.

corresponding changes in age at death profiles. In another publication we demonstrated the sensitiveness of such age-at-death profiles to culture changes. In the preceding pages we noted that whereas the birth rates were constant for the groups studied, the general death rates showed definite trends, but we note in the publication just cited that the trends in total death rates are less indicative of social change than sex and age-at-death ratios. Had we such data for all the tribes studied by us, our task would have been simpler; but we were forced to approach the determination of age-at-death profiles in the age grouping of individuals.

Hence, we can pass over this important topic with the generalization that changes in mode of life may subject sex and age groups to new hazards, thus modifying the population profile. To verify the assumption that mode of life registered in the age-at-death profile, we made comparative tabulations of urban Canadian Indians as against rural Indians. In both groups, minors exceed adults, but to a greater degree among urban Indians. Sex differences were as follows: minors, about equal for rural Indians, but females leading among the urbans; among adults, males lead among rural Indians, females among the urban. These differences are marked. In age grouping the two classes were consistent with the foregoing.

THE CARLTON CREE

One of our control groups comprised the Cree under the Carlton Agency. The differences between the William Charles and the Six Bands at this agency have been noted from time to time (Tables 7, 15, and 19). In a preceding section we remarked that excess of females was usually conspicuous among adults. The Dakota control group presented a normal sex ratio in births; the age grouping data for other tribal groups gave equally normal sex ratios for the lower age groups. Hence, the excess of females could be explained neither by a low percentage of male births nor an abnormally high death rate for males under five years of age. The data we need to determine just when males fall behind, are ages at death; for the William Charles we have neither age-at-death records nor data for satisfactory age grouping, yet we do have information enabling us to classify minors and adults by sex. Further, we were able to segregate deaths in the same way (Table 35).

The first conspicuous difference is in the total death rate; that for the William Charles bands being lower than for the Six Bands. This may mean that the mode of life followed by the former is the more

¹ Wissler, 1936c.

favorable. Incidentally, there is a possible slight difference in the birth rates, the general average for the Six Bands being 43 and for the William Charles bands 40 per thousand.

Turning to the death rates for sex and age classes we note that in the Six Bands adults have a much lower death rate than minors, which is normal. However, there are sex differences among neither minors nor adults. The William Charles bands, however, reveal a much higher death rate for male minors; but among adults the sex rates are about equal. An examination of the annual tables indicates that whereas the death rates for male minors trend downward as we approach 1934, as do most Indian minors, there is no clearly defined change among female minors. Such a condition would reduce rather than enhance the true sex differences in death rates, since had the female death rate fallen in the usual way, the sex disparity would have been still greater. Our conclusion, then, is that at some age period before twenty-one years there is an unusual loss in males.

Further evidence that mode of life changes the death rates was observed when we classified the Carlton bands as Christian and pagan, the latter presenting the higher death rate. Anyone familiar with reservation conditions knows of many differences in the modes of life followed by these contrasting groups.

In conclusion we recall the several differences between the William Charles bands and the remainder of the group. For one, they show a lower death rate. The claim is often made that diet and tuberculosis are the chief causes in determining Indian death rates. The William Charles bands are, in part, hunters with a sprinkling of white blood. Thus white influence, more outdoor life, better balance in diet, greater occupational independence, and possibly relative freedom from tuberculosis may be predicated to the William Charles bands. All these may contribute to their favorable death rate.

On the other hand, we noted that males in these bands died at a rate far above that for females. This difference in death rate helps to explain the observed excess of adult women. We saw reason to believe that male deaths were at their peak in late adolescence and early manhood. Our guess, then, is that the hazards in hunting and trapping are the chief contributors.

We did not compile general tables to show sex differences in death rates. For the Dakota control group the average death rates of 1910–1930 were: males, 33; females, 35; for minors, males, 46; females, 46; for adults, males, 21; females, 26. According to certain census data for

United States Indians, the rates were, males, 51; females, 49. About all one can say is that the total death rates show no certain sex differences.

As a further check, we tabulated the death rates at Battleford (from a copy of the Agency record). (Table 36.) Females of twenty years and under show a higher rate than males of the same ages. Both sexes present falling rates for 1905–1929, but the females have a higher rate throughout: males, 47; females, 54. These are chiefly Plains Indians, the point being that they differ from the William Charles bands (Wood Cree).

WOOD AND PLAINS CREE

One reason for segregating the William Charles bands was that they were designated as Wood Cree. Students of Indian culture know the history of these two divisions of the Cree; it so happened that when reservations were established, the Wood Cree could in part follow their old patterns of economic life. A further test, then, of the assumption that the excess of women is determined by mode of life would be to separate all of the Cree data into two divisions (Table 39). We published a preliminary paper using some of these data.²

Doctor David G. Mandelbaum, a student of the Cree, has been kind enough to classify the various Cree bands as in the appended list.

Data on the Wood Cree at The Pas are not available before 1910 and for the Isle a la Crosse after 1920 only (Table 40). We did not use these data in our earlier tabulations. First, we present Table 38 which gives the gross populations and Table 39 in which all the data for Wood Cree are combined as opposed to Plains Cree.

Wood Cree for Saskatchewan, 1934

(David G. Mandelbaum)

Battleford Agency Meadow Lake Waterhen Lake

Carlton Agency
Big River, Kenemotoyoos
Montreal Lake, William Charles
Sturgeon Lake, William Twatt

Duck Lake Agency James Smith

¹ Clements, 1931. ² Wissler, 1936a.

John Smith Kinistino

Isle a la Crosse Agency
Amos Charles
Barren Lands
Canoe Lake
English River
James Roberts
Lac la Hachs
Pelican Narrows
Peter Pond Lake
Portage La Loche
Pukatawagan

Onion Lake Agency Loon Lake

Pas Agency, Manitoba Cumberland Red Earth Shoal Lake

Touchwood Agency Fishing Lake

The tabulations for adults show that females exceed in both groups, but that this excess is much greater among the Wood Cree (five women to four men). (Table 39.) Further, there is little change in the adult sex ratio for the Wood Cree from 1909 to 1934, whereas for the Plains Cree both males and females decline, especially the latter, so that the number of females in 1934 is only slightly in excess of males. In comparison with previous tabulations, it appears that this change in the relative number of adults and in adult sex ratios for the Plains Cree is similar to the progressive changes observed among certain other Plains Indians in the region studied. Naturally, all changes in adult ratios are compensated by corresponding changes for minors.

As noted in Table 39, there is little change among the Wood Cree female minors, whereas males tend to decrease. On the other hand, the number of male minors increases markedly among the Plains Cree, whereas females show little change. It may be noted further that whereas among Wood Cree adults the females are far in the lead, among minors the males lead. No certain sex difference is observable among Plains Cree minors.

In terms of the total there are about 10 per cent more minors among the Wood Cree; adults are proportionately less. Wood Cree women approximate the number of Plains Cree women, whereas the Wood Cree men are far less than the Plains Cree. Since Plains Cree men almost equal the number of Plains Cree women after 1924 and the excess of women among the Wood Cree is still at its maximum, the contrast is striking. The situation is about the same as for the William Charles bands at Carlton, which are included in this tabulation. It appears then that the William Charles bands are typical Wood Cree in population behavior.

Though the foregoing shows that excess of women is a characteristic of Wood Cree in general, it is desirable that the data be broken down into smaller groups. Accordingly, we made a tabulation for the Plains and Wood Cree for the agencies previously studied (Table 40). We assumed that the Cree at The Pas and La Crosse were thoroughgoing Wood Cree; at least they were not subjected to rigorous reservation life until recently. It is observable in the average adult sex ratios that these new groups lead in the excess of women. Further, men and women among the Plains Cree are about equal, whereas the Wood Cree, residing upon reservations under the same jurisdictions as the Plains Cree, stand as So this can qualify as a further test of the initial asintermediate. sumption. The Pas and La Crosse groups are still hunters and trappers. The Wood Cree, scattered among the Plains Cree, are far less self supporting. Thus, roughly, the excess of women increases directly as the intensity in hunting rises.

Minors are less consistent in sex ratios, they are equal for Plains Cree, but suggest an excess of males for both divisions of Wood Cree. We note that the sex differences among minors are less conspicuous than among adults.

As a further contribution we submit Table 41, in which the Wood Cree are tabulated by agencies for the year 1924. We note that female adults exceed male adults, except at Touchwood, where they are equal. Even in the totals, females lead throughout.

Finally, we tabulated age group tables for the Cree under three heads; however, we omit the table. The period was 1914 to 1934. Little difference was observed in age groups 0–5 and 6–15. In the 16–20 group all show a rapid downward trend except Plains Cree males, who are about constant. Males, 21–65, fall steadily among the Plains Cree, whereas among the Wood Cree males show a tendency to increase; females change little among the Plains Cree, but tend to decrease among the Wood Cree.

So far, we have confined our attention to the Cree. Our tabulations

included ten bands of Assiniboin, ranging from 100 to 290 individuals each, most of them exceeding 175. The table is too complicated to publish, but may be summarized. Table 14 reveals an excess of females among the Canadian Assiniboin as a whole, and the tendency, as in other Plains tribes is for this excess to be large in early reservation days and to diminish gradually. When the Assiniboin data were broken down into the twelve constituent bands, eight maintained female excesses to 1934. The annual tables are omitted, but summarized under eight groups (Table 42). Of those remaining, one, the Assiniboin Agency, Saskatchewan, shows an excess of males after 1911. The mode of life at this agency is similar to that of the Plains Cree, and so far consistent. The other is the Wesley band at the Stony Agency, Alberta, in which males are slightly in the lead after 1920. This band was until recently, living by hunting and trapping.

The most marked excess in females is to be found at the Edmonton Agency, where hunting was conspicuous, reminding one of the Wood Cree bands at this same agency, who tended to lead in female excess. The summary tabulation of Assiniboin groups shows that the total excess of women in the five bands at Edmonton is about twice that of the other four Assiniboin groups combined (Table 42).

So, when the mode of life pursued by the several Assiniboin bands is taken into account, we see that where and while hunting persisted, adult females were dominant in numbers.

DEATH AND BIRTH RATES

AMONG THE PLAINS AND WOOD CREE

In the preceding section we noted that the number of minors is greater for the Wood Cree, suggesting that there is a difference in the death rate. At the Carlton Agency we noted that the William Charles bands (Wood Cree) have a lower total death rate than the Six Bands (Plains Cree). (Table 37.) It was not expedient to tabulate death rates for the other Wood Cree, but inspection of the data indicated that the rate for the William Charles bands would be approximated.

As to birth rates there were no certain differences. Thus, we merely confirm the differences observed in the Carlton group. The total death rate for Wood Cree is lower; we assume this to mean that life is more healthful than among the Plains Cree. Thus, respecting the William Charles bands, we have cited the agent's statement (p. 15) as to their favorable mode of life.

The significance of all this is that the age-at-death frequencies are subject to fluctuations, independent of variations in the total death rate. Sex differences in occupational hazards may also operate to change the adult sex ratio. The mode of life followed by the Wood Cree is more like that of pre-reservation Indians than is the case with Plains Indians. Some early data for the Plains Indians indicated a marked excess of adult women, which can then be said to be normal for the mode of life then followed. It seems a fair assumption that since the placing of Indians upon reservations is a social phenomenon, it is in that direction we should look for the factors determining the population profiles observed.

RELIABILITY OF AGENCY ROLLS

According to the methods of recording and checking followed by the Canadian Indian Service, the most accurate counts should be in terms of total populations and sex distinctions. We have accepted these categories as basic. However, errors in estimating population growth may result from faulty records for the transfer of individuals from one agency to another. We have made corrections for such transfers where they did appear in the record, but recognize the chances for error by omission. Marriage is the usual cause for transfer, but in a test case these tended to equalize (p. 12). Probably those not recorded tend to cancel out, also. So we doubt that errors due to the migrations of individuals seriously distort the record.

The agency rolls in the United States have been challenged as failing to record all births and deaths. In Canada few living individuals will escape the count when annuity payments are made. Those dead will be checked off. However, the record of infants born and dying between payments is more or less incomplete. It would follow that the births for the year would be below the actual number; also the recorded deaths and the population total would be too low. Since the errors are all in the same direction the resultant error will be small. In general terms, if in the United States many births are not entered and the names of many dead individuals are kept on the rolls, there should be some equalization. Hence, the errors may be relative and not such as to conceal population growth. They may, however, exaggerate the rate of population change.

Our data may be checked if we note population gains and the annual birth and death rates. For example, Table 31 shows the following for the period 1908–1929:—

Births	808
Deaths	618
Gain	190
Gain per year	9.0+
Population gain (936–720)	216
Gain per year	10.2+

A gain of 1.2+ individuals per year is not accounted for by births and probably means errors in tabulating the records, plus increments by immigration, principally the latter. This suggests that the calculated

birth and death rates in other cases will fall short of the actual gain. Respecting birth and death rates, the averages, as in Table 32 are 0.043 and 0.033, respectively, an annual gain of 0.01. Yet an annual gain of 0.01, if compounded for twenty-one years, would show a gain of about 0.23. The actual gain in population was 0.30.

Using the birth and death rates in our tables we note the following:—

	Years	Actual Gain	Rate of Gain B-D	Theoretical Gain
Dakota	21	0.30	0.012	0.27
Carlton (a)	10	0.19	0.014	0.16
Carlton (b)	35	0.33	0.009	0.36
Carlton-Wood Cree	20	0.45	0.018	0.39
Carlton-Plains Cree	20	0.26	0.010	0.23
Battleford	39	0.47	0.011	0.47
Total Cree	24	0.18	0.006	0.14

Close agreement is observed between the gains based upon the birth and death rates and those based upon the population counts. The tendency is for the actual counts to give the greater gains.

We are now prepared to make additional assumptions. seen that the birth rate is fairly constant, averaging 0.042+, and that the lowest death rates for recent years average 0.017+, we can expect that a gain of more than 0.025 per year introduces errors of migration and omission. In the manner indicated above, we may test all the gains Those for the Canadian tribes stand the test well; the range of differences is about the same as for the control groups. United States tabulations call for high birth rates and relatively low death rates. Thus the United States Assiniboin are credited with a gain of 0.70 in thirty years; this would call for an average yearly birthdeath gain of about 0.019. The Piegan of Montana are credited with a gain of 0.91 in forty-four years; a birth-death gain of about 0.018. Those rates are possible but high. For example, the Meriam report (pp. 198-201) gives a gain of 0.009 for all Indians of Montana in 1925. So we suspect that the population gains for these United States tribes are somewhat exaggerated by faulty records, especially by immigration.

Again the total populations for Saskatchewan and Alberta, 1919-1934, show total gains of 0.19 and 0.13. At an annual birth rate of 0.042, the observed death rates of 0.031 and 0.033 would account for such increases. These rates are comparable to the rates in Table 34.

Finally, an average birth rate of 0.042 is not the highest possible

rate. For a village in Yucatan, Steggerda¹ reports an average rate of 0.0601 for a period of seventeen years and a death rate of 0.0317. The yearly gain would be 0.0284; the population gain in seventeen years should be something over fifty per cent. The highest birth rate among Canadian groups observed by us is 0.0698, for a single year. The Yucatan death rate of 0.0317 is comparable to death rates for the Canadian Indians in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

There is no reason to suspect gross inaccuracy in sex classification. Hence, the observed excess of females is considered real. We have, however, commented upon the question of age distinctions. The classification by adults and minors in the early records may not be consistent. Practically all the groups studied were placed upon reservations before 1884. All individuals born after reservations were established and entered upon the rolls at the first payment thereafter, would have an accurate age rating. In twenty years all minors could be determined with reasonable accuracy. Hence, after 1900, such classifications should be reliable. Our main conclusions respecting reservation minors and adults are based upon data beginning in 1904. Consequently, we have given due space to minor and adult classifications, though tabulations by age groups were available.

Respecting age classification, one should note that, since registration began in 1884, all born before that time would fall into class 21+ after 1904; hence, age grouping should be reasonably accurate after that date. The uniformity in trends observed in the tabulations is a further indication of accuracy.

ABORIGINAL POPULATIONS

In most studies of Indian populations the sole objective has been to establish absolute numbers as of the time of initial white contact. In our investigations we were not especially interested in that problem, our concern being with population changes during white contact. In any event the estimates of gross aboriginal populations are highly interpretative and so subject to a wide range of personal opinion. However, our experience with the tribes of a limited area should offer some suggestions as to prehistoric population size.

What first comes to mind is the precarious existence of a non-reservation tribe. An epidemic or violent onslaught of raiders could wipe out a large fraction and the weakened remnant be harried almost to extinction. Further, we have seen that white contact brought social

¹ Steggerda, 1935.

change and that population shifts seemed to be coincident with such changes. The history of the area studied reveals contact direct, and through intermediaries, as early as 1670. In 1690, Assiniboin and Cree equipped with firearms were raiding southward and westward; that their destructiveness was thus enhanced is indicated in the literature. It is just because such quick changes in tribal strength are in evidence, that an estimate of absolute size is precarious.

Again it is not merely the self-contained group that fluctuates thus, but the total population of areas in which there is moderate culture homogeneity. Thus about 1780 smallpox swept over the Saskatchewan area greatly reducing the population. Apparently the Assiniboin, then marginal, were not seriously weakened and spread into the area, multiplying rapidly and occupying most of it. About 1832 the same disease is said to have carried off more than two-thirds of the Assiniboin. The Cree, then marginal to the area, expanded in number over the same territory. When the buffalo went out, the Cree slumped. The whites were the next to move in and multiplied rapidly. There appears valid reason for assuming that such changes also occurred in pre-Columbian America. In the area under consideration, the horse was introduced around 1650 or earlier; there is reason to believe that this led to a rise in the standard of living, increasing population and expansion in power on the part of certain units. An historical discussion of such changes is being prepared.

Something can be predicated as to aboriginal population profiles in the area for 1600–1780. The birth rate was 42 or higher. The sex ratios for adults were around 100 males and 250 females per thousand population. Minors exceeded adults and for the age group 16–20, females led in number. The total death rate was relatively low, probably averaging around thirty. These assumptions are based upon our experience with population trends after 1780.

Since many persons are interested in absolute numbers, we note that Henry's count for 1805 was 64,361, a density of about 0.3+ persons per square mile. We have under way an ecological study of the area which indicates that a larger population could have been maintained without a change in prevailing food habits. Around 1780 smallpox swept this area. So 1750 may have presented a population somewhat in excess of 70,000, ranging from the Upper Missouri to the forests north of the Saskatchewan. This is not to say that it did, merely that barring massacres and epidemics, such a population would be a reasonable expectation.

Finally we return to the census recorded by Henry (Table 1). study of the various entries in Henry's diary suggests that under the term Fort des Prairies he intended to include all the tribes of the Upper Missouri, as well as those ranging in the Saskatchewan country and subject to the fur trade by his and competing companies operating from Canada and Hudson Bay. The list would include the Plains tribes discussed in this paper and, in addition, the Crow, Chevenne, Arapaho, Mandan, and Hidatsa. Mooney's total for all these tribes is 60,300 as against Henry's 64,361. However, it is practically certain that Henry included some of the Ojibway, a few of the Dakota, and some Chipewyan; if these are counted in, Henry and Mooney would be in even closer agreement. However, since Henry fails to state explicitly the significance of Fort des Prairies (Table 1), the agreement with Mooney is not important, except that since Mooney does not cite Henry, his own estimates were apparently not influenced thereby.

¹ Mooney, 1928, 13.

GENERAL SUMMARY

- 1. In our first paper on gross population trends we demonstrated that while numbers decreased for a time after the Plains Indians were placed upon reservations, there was an adjustment eventually, and that since that event these tribal populations have increased. In this paper we present data for British Columbia which show a less marked reaction to reservation life, but, in the aggregate, reveal a tendency to increase during the last decade.
- 2. A relatively large number of adult females is the striking characteristic of the tribes of the Northern Plains. This disparity was even more accentuated in pre-reservation days, but on reservations the trend has been toward sex equality and eventually to an excess of adult males. Since the birth sex-ratio is normal we must look to the death rate for an explanation. Groupings by age and sex suggest that in tribes where excess of women is conspicuous, the deaths among late adolescent and young adult males are excessive. We have assumed that these changes are coincident with changes in the mode of life.

In pre-reservation days the large herds of bison and other game insured an abundant food supply and the introduction of the horse in pre-fur-trade days made it easy for one man to feed a number of women and their children. Possibly this economic security increased warpath activities and the unusual leisure led to a greater number of male homicides. Thus, writers of the fur-trade period regarded the male deaths due to drinking bouts as high. Among bison hunters the depletion of males might be considerable, without seriously effecting the well-being of the women and children.

While we have not worked over the data for other tribes there are indications that most Plains tribes in the United States were formerly characterized by an excess of women. In British Columbia the reservation period opened with an excess of women, so it is possible that most North American tribes, largely dependent upon hunting, lived under social and economic conditions favorable to the survival of adult women. However this may be, the evidence for the tribes studied by us leaves no room to doubt that the causes of the phenomena are social, such as hunting hazards, homicide, etc.

3. The Indian birth rate is high, probably not much below the physiological maximum. In the area under consideration, there is no reason to believe that this rate was lower in pre-reservation days than at present. So while in civilized countries social and economic factors

seem to manipulate the birth rate, the Canadian Plains Indian rate has remained roughly constant throughout the violent culture conflicts of the reservation period. What data we have for reproduction rates show that the number of surviving children per woman is rising among Indians, but falling among the whites. In case of the Indian this means that the survival rates for children are rising.

- 4. In contrast to the birth rate, Indian death rates are seemingly sensitive to social conditions. The general trend of the death rate was upward in early reservation days, reaching its peak about 1890, then falling decisively until about 1900, since which date the decline has been slow but steady. Ferguson's tables suggest that the pre-reservation death rate was about 30 per thousand, the 1890 rate more than 100 per thousand, and the present rate about 25 per thousand. Such changes are consistent with the trends in gross population noted in our first paper. When the birth rate is constant, the rates of increase or decrease in a population are determined by the death rate.
- 5. In comparing minors and adults, we noted that whereas among present United States whites, adults are clearly in excess, among United States Indians, as a whole, adults and minors are approximately equal. About the same relation holds for Canadian Indians as a whole. In pre-reservation days the tribes we have studied possessed an excess of minors, which is consistent with the observed preponderance of adult females.

The early reservation period reveals an excess of adults over minors; presumably the loss of the buffalo and the consequent social chaos were unfavorable to the survival of children. Yet after 1900 the tribes studied tend to a reverse trend in that minors increase with the years. The continued high birth rate and the falling death rate seem to explain this, the gain being sufficient to overcome the relative decrease in the number of women. Further consistency appears in that the few tribes still losing population have more adults than minors.

6. In addition to data as to minors and adults we found some information as to age grouping, chiefly after 1900. These data indicate a steady increase of Indian children under fifteen years, probably due to improved living conditions. Since our tabulations are in relative terms, it follows that Indians sixteen years and over have declined in population. However, the greatest decline is for the years sixteen to twenty. Tuberculosis has been regarded as the chief factor here. Yet Ferguson shows that for some of the same tribes studied by us the peaks for deaths due to tuberculosis progressed from age group 0–5 years at the outset to

15-19 years in 1927-1932¹. In short, the population age profiles were not constant, but subject to trends throughout the reservation period.

7. It is usually difficult to establish sequential relations between social changes and population shifts, but in this study there are at least suggestive coincidences. Thus, the birth rate did not appreciably change among these Indians, but the death rates, age-at-death, adult sex ratios, and age profiles did change in apparent unison with economic and social changes. Death rates can be roughly correlated with occupational hazards, disease and crime. Further, dividing the Cree into Wood and Plains groups, morphologically alike, but differing in modes of life, revealed corresponding differences in death rates and sex ratios. Again, the Wood Cree seem to be living under a social regime similar in effect to that of the pre-reservation period. Except in birth rate, the trends are toward the present United States and Canadian white population characteristics. Probably the birth rate will respond eventually.

In general, such population studies as we have made here may be one way of determining the degree of acculturation for our Indian tribes, i.e., when their population characteristics approximate those for the corresponding classes in the surrounding white population, they will be following the same order of life as the whites.

¹ Ferguson, 1933, 4.

TABLES



 ${\bf TABLE~1} \\ {\bf Henry's~Population~Table~for~1805}$

HEMILI S I O	LODALIO	M IADI	E FOR 10	00		
Region	Me	en	Won	nen	Child	ren
		Per		\mathbf{Per}		Per
	No.	1000	No.	1000	No.	1000
Athabasca River	55	345	38	240	66	415
English River	211	122	380	223	1100	655
Rat River	70	226	90	290	150	484
Fort des Prairies	4823	74	13,632	212	45,906	714
Fort Dauphin	19	284	17	253	31	463
Upper Red River	1170	241	1200	246	2500	514
Lower Red River	160	266	190	316	250	418
Lake Winipic	90	228	111	282	194	490
Lac la Pluie	103	233	141	323	195	444
Fond du Lac	449	142	784	246	1944	612
Nepigon	238	290	283	346	299	364
Kamanistiquia						
Mille Lacs and Lac des Chiens	70	210	84	254	178	53 6
Le Pic	44	301	45	305	5 8	394
Total	7502	97	16,995	220	52,871	683

TABLE 2
THE BLACKFOOT GROUP—VAUGHAN, 1858

	Tents	Men	Women	Children	Total
Piegan	460	900	1200	1600	3700
Blood	300	500	800	1100	2400
Blackfoot	150	260	400	540	1200
Gros Ventre	265	400	700	1000	2100

TABLE 3
Minors and Adults—Lawrence, 1875

	Adults	Children
Europeans		
France	639	361
Belgium	587	413
Holland	574	426
Great Britain	547	453
Prussia	526	474
Indians		
Cheyenne	425	575
Little-Wound band	455	545
Young-man-afraid-of-his-horses	462	538

TABLE 4
GROSS POPULATIONS

Date	1884	1904	1934
Western Cree	10,032	6840	9016
Canadian Assiniboin	1945	1 72 1	1813
United States Assiniboin	2195	1272	2108
Blackfoot	2173	845	765 .
Blood	2278	1196	1293
Canadian Piegan	929	506	438
United States Piegan	2300	2059	3947
Sarsi	429	206	156

TABLE 5

22,281

14,645

11.50

19,536

Totals

			Рор	ULATION	ın Bri	гіѕн Со	LUMBIA			
Year	Babine, etc.	Northwest Coast	Kwawkewlth	Cowichan	West Coast	Fraser River	Kamloops, etc.	Williams Lake	Kootenay	Totals
1896	3854	3994	1639	2029	2760	3381	3551	1899	562	23,669
1899	2861	4041	1554	1884	2481	2961	3701	1928	54 1	21,952
1904	2951	3925	1317	1893	2303	2881	3882	1958	603	21,713
1909	3134	3902	1263	1760	2055	2838	3829	1995	586	21,362
1914	3272	4020	1183	1713	1833	2799	4148	2121	595	21,684
1919	3312	3955	1140	1712	1779	2763	4105	2021	582	21,369
1924	3201	4054	1039	1813	1651	2664	3722	1953	501	20,598
1929	3636	4144	1088	1892	1626	2778	3566	2086	499	21,315
1934	3597	4279	1173	2032	1622	2845	3815	2423	496	22,282

TABLE 6
THE DAKOTA CONTROL GROUP

	M	ales	Fema	ales
		Per		\mathbf{Per}
Year	Actual	Thousand	Actual	Thousand
1909	383	515	361	485
1914	417	499	418	501
1919	437	50 8	422	491
1924	471	523	429	477
1929	483	520	445	480

Band 102

Totals

TABLE 7
SEX RATIOS FOR THE CARLTON AGENCY PER THOUSAND POPULATION

		Six Bai	nds	Willia	m Charl	les Bands	3	All Bar	$_{ m nds}$
			Popula-			Popula-			Popula-
Years	Μ.	\mathbf{F} .	tion	Μ.	F.	tion	Μ.	F.	tion
1899	508	492	727	462	53 8	147	485	515	874
1904	478	522	713	455	545	165	467	533	878
1909	490	510	777	465	535	192	477	523	969
1914	481	519	840	470	53 0	231	475	525	1071
1919	485	515	905	471	529	265	478	522	1170
1924	479	52 1	929	453	547	275	467	533	1204
1929	471	529	991	457	543	296	464	536	1287
1934	481	519	1062	461	539	335	470	53 0	1397

TABLE 8

Migrations of Women Due to Marriage—Carlton, 1896–1932

Marry In From other From other Carlton Bands Agencies Totals Band 104 Band 106 Pelican Lake Wm. Charles **Band 101** Band 103

Marry Out Into other Into other Carlton Bands Agencies Totals Band 104 **Band 106** Pelican Lake Wm. Charles Band 101 Band 103 Band 102 Totals

TABLE 9

Sex Ratios for the Western Cree per Thousand Population 1

	Duck	Duck Lake	Hobbema	ema	Onion Lake	Lake	Saddle Lake	Lake	Edmonton	nton	Qu'Aț	Qu'Appelle	Battle	Battleford Crooked Lake	rooked	Lake	Touchwood	wood
Year	M.	Œ.	M.	표.	M.	ъ.	M.	দ.	M.	뇬.	M.	굕.	M.	굕.	M.	压.	M.	压.
1900	206	494	494	206	474	526	514	486	430	570	446	554	503	497	464	536	200	200
1904	498	505	486	514	482	518	491	509	462	538	458	542	499	501	479	521	503	497
1909	479	521	523	497	466	534	490	510	435	565	467	533	494	206	471	528	493	202
1914	503	497	518	482	484	516	480	520	495	202	436	564	473	527	472	528	505	495
1919	499	501	206	494	474	526	483	517	445	555	475	525	474	526	459	541	518	482
1924	491	509	503	497	505	495	473	527	435	565	481	519	510	490	468	532	479	521
1929	2 03	497	208	492	520	480	480	520	454	546	472	528	515	485	480	520	468	532
1934	481	519	512	488	511	489	476	524	403	269	474	526	513	487	485	515	482	518
1 F	or Carlte	¹ For Carlton Agency see Table 7.	cy see Ts	able 7.														

TABLE 10

Males and Females by Tribal Groups per Thousand Population $^{\mathrm{1}}$

	Cree	ıda	压.	:	533	511	517	516	515	514	515	512	518
	Western Cree	Canada	M.	:	467	489	483	486	485	486	485	488	482
	Blackfoot	Canada	Œ	:	:	493	453	472	487	478	487	489	480
	Blac	Сап	M.	:	:	202	547	528	513	522	513	511	520
	po	Canada	표.	:	:	525	522	517	209	516	495	487	492
	Blood	Can	M.	:	:	475	478	483	491	484	505	513	208
	gan	z.	됴	521	:	206	505	505	505	469	492	483	479
	Piegan	U.S.	M.	479	:	494	495	495	498	531	208	212	521
	ssiniboin	ada	ᅜ	:	515	200	499	502	200	502	502	497	509
	Assim	Canada	M.	:	485	200	501	498	200	498	498	503	491
Assiniboin	, vi	Fort Belknap	표.	:	518	522	528	487	. 488	480	468	469	473
Assin	U.S.	Fort B	M.	:	482	478	472	513	512	520	532	531	527
ssiniboin	U.S.	Fort Peck	H	:	552	529	535	505	504	486	496	495	203
Assin	u.	Fort	M.	:	448	471	465	495	496	514	504	505	498
			Date	1890	1894	1899	1904	1909	1914	1919	1924	1929	1934

¹ The actual populations are given in a preceding paper, Wissler, 1936b, 11-12.

TABLE 11

BRITISH COLUMBIA SEX RATIOS PER THOUSAND POPULATION

	aJ	压.	497	497	492	497	497	496	494	499	4 8 4
	Total	M.	503	503	208	503	503	504	206	504	206
	ton	Ŀ.	:	:	:	:	502	502	497	490	487
	Lytton	M.	:	•	:	:	498	498	503	510	513
	nay	<u>F-</u>	486	514	494	503	492	202	520	522	218
	Kootenay	Ŋ.	514	486	206	497	208	493	480	478	482
Williams	Lake	Œ.	514	499	489	487	202	498	504	493	498
Willi	La	M.	486	501	511	512	495	505	496	202	502
	Kamloops	귝	482	497	496	498	496	505	512	499	495
	Kam	M.	518	503	504	505	504	498	488	501	505
	Fraser	퍈	495	494	495	514	512	506	514	509	501
	Fr	M.	505	506	505	486	488	494	486	491	499
	Cowichan	压;	511	511	505	511	505	501	206	514	532
	Cow	Ä.	489	489	495	489	495	499	494	486	466
	Kwawkewlth	压.	471	483	448	466	468	468	478	468	461
	wawk	M.	529	517	552	534	532	532	522	532	539
st	Coast K	Œ,	509	502	506	505	502	504	498	482	506
West	ζ̈	M.	491	498	494	495	498	496	502	518	494
thwest	ast	Œ,	498	495	481	484	479	478	484	484	490
Nort	ပိ	M.	502	505	519	516	521	522	516	516	510
	ine	Œ.	:	490	504	505	507	505	519	508	477
	Babine	M. F.	:	510	496	495	493	495	481	492	523
	ine	Œ,	:	:	:	454	472	476	486	494	461
	Stickine	М. F.	•	:	:	546	528	524	514	506	539
			1897	1899	1904	1909	1914	1916	1924	1929	1934

TABLE 12
Some Comparative Sex Ratios

	Indian Total U. S.		Indian Total Canada		Indians Alberta and Saskatchewan		White Total U. S.	
Date	Μ.	\mathbf{F} .	М. *	\mathbf{F} .	Μ.	\mathbf{F} .	Μ.	\mathbf{F} .
1899	504	496	500	500	488	512	509	491
1904			501	499	488	512		
1909	509	491	498	502	486	514	510	490
1914			500	500	492	508		
1919	512	488	498	502	496	504	507	493
1924			498	502	487	513	• • •	
1929	512	488	503	497	494	506	505	495

 ${\bf TABLE~13}$ Sex Composition of Populations in Different Countries 1

Country	Year		ent of pulation	Ratio of Males to 100 Females
		Μ.	F.	
China	1920-31	52 .3	47.7	109
United States	1930	50 .6	49.4	102
England and Wales	1920	47.7	52.3	91
France	1920	47.5	52.5	91
Germany	1 92 0	48.4	51.6	· 94
Sweden	1920	49.1	50 .9	96

¹ Chiao, 1933, 29.

TABLE 14

MALES, FEMALES, ADULTS, AND MINORS PER THOUSAND POPULATION

	ST(퍈	* :	e4 : :	154	225	180	190	216	224	256	
foot	Minors	M.	:	:	271	293	213	222	212	217	267	
Blackfoot	Adults	压.	316	323	299	246	307	288	271	264	223	
	Adı	M.	243	255	276	236	300	300	301	295	254	
Minors	ors	표.	:	178	178	232	244	257	257	251	277	
Blood	M.	:	210	235	261	235	238	245	272	237		
Blo	ılts	뚀.	349	586	341	283	263	259	236	234	216	
-	Adults	M.	244	256	246	224	258	246	262	243	270	
п	ors	표.	193	220	260	244	236	244	252	240	262	
iodinisa	Minors	M.	233	248	291	235	259	252	245	231	247	
Canada Assiniboin	Adults	표.	320	290	250	285	268	264	261	273	247	
0	Ad	M.	254	242	199	236	237	240	242	256	244	
	ors	표.	212	213	249	264	262	590	258	258	276	
Western Cree	Minors	Mir	M.	224	203	249	264	263	268	260	253	257
Wester	Adults	퍈	321	298	268	250	253	248	257	254	242	
	Adı	M.	243	286	234	222	222	218	225	235	225	
			1894	1899	1904	1909	1914	1919	1924	1929	1934	

¹ Total minors 407.
² Total minors 441 and 422.

TABLE 15

Adult Males and Females in the Carlton and Dakota Groups

William

	AA TT	nam						
	Charles Bands		Six Bands		All Bands		Dakota	
	\mathbf{M} .	\mathbf{F} .	M.	F.	Μ.	F.	\mathbf{M} .	F.
1904	177	212	227	282				
1909	211	255	210	261	212	25 8	271	261
1914	220	250	213	255	217	252	250	268
1919	198	229	188	236	192	232	253	253
1924	184	244	224	263	208	254	259	252
1929	187	244	226	272	206	258	245	205

TABLE 16
Adults and Minors for British Columbia

	M i	nors	Ad	ults	Totals	Totals	
	M .	F.	M.	F.	Minors	Adults	
1895	196	186	308	310	382	618	
1899	200	190	303	307	390	610	
1904	213	203	295	289	416	584	
1909	219	205	289	287	425	575	
1914	232	221	274	273	453	547	
1919	241	233	264	262	474	526	
1924	230	231	275	264	46 1	539	
1929	234	238	271	257	472	528	
1934	251	236	275	238	487	513	

TABLE 17

Adults and Minors by Tribal Groups

Cree Assiniboin Blood Year Adults Minors Adults Minors Adults Min	Blackfoot nors Adults Minors
Year Adults Minors Adults Minors Adults Min	nors Adults Minors
1894 564 436 574 426 593 4	407 559 441
1899 584 416 531 469 642 3	388 578 422
1904 501 499 449 551 587 4	413 575 42 5
1909 472 528 521 479 507 4	493 482 518
1914 475 525 505 495 520 4	480 5 07 493
1919 466 534 504 496 506 4	1 94 5 89 4 11
1924 482 518 502 498 498 5	502 572 428
1929 489 511 529 471 477 5	523 560 440

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{TABLE 18} \\ \text{Minors and Adults--Dakota Group} \end{array}$

		Minors			Adults	
Year	Μ.	F.	Totals	M .	F.	Totals
1909	243	225	468	271	261	532
1914	250	234	484	250	266	516
1919	256	238	494	253	25 3	506
1924	265	224	489	259	252	511
1929	259	248	507	245	248	493

TABLE 19
Minors and Adults—Carlton

William Charles

		Minors			Adults	
Year	M .	F.	Totals	Μ.	F.	Totals
1904	278	333	611	177	212	389
1909	254	280	534	211	255	466
1914	250	280	530	220	250	470
1919	27 3	300	573	198	229	427
1924	269	303	572	184	244	428
1929	270	299	569	187	244	43 1
1934	238	283	52 1	222	257	479
•			Six Bands			
1904	250	241	49 1	227	282	509
1909	27 8	251	529	210	261	471
1914	267	265	532	213	255	468
1919	298	27 8	576	188	236	424
1924	257	256	513	224	263	487
1929	245	257	502	226	272	498
1934	255	266	52 1	225	254	479

TABLE 20
Minors and Adults—United States Indians

		Minors		Adults				
Year	M.	F.	Totals	M.	F.	Totals		
1910	271	265	536	237	227	464		
1920	259	261	520	248	232	480		
1930	254	25 1	505	259	2 36	495		

			F.	112	116	48	212	30	518
		1934	M. F.	96	13	48	01	24	85
		1929	ᄄ	102	103	20	224	33	512
		21	Ä.	8	107	54	211	56	488 512
	TION	7 7	Ħ,	95	115	54	198	39	501
	POPULA	192	M.	91 95	122	53	201	35	499
TABLE 21 Vestern Cree per Thousand Population	9	표.	120	91	54	216	33	514	
	рев Тис	191	M.	110 120	101	55	197	23	486
	Y CREE	4	M. F.	103	94	53	230	31	511
TA	Wester	191	M.	95	107	54	208	23	487
	R THE	60	M. F. M. F. 1	111	86	99	230	28	512
	AGE GROUPS FOR THE	190	M.	101	100	54	210	20	485
	AGE GE	4	퍈.	101	96	46	245	27	515
·		1904	M.	66	86	20	216	21	484
		903	Ŧ.	100	65	47	245	27	511
			M.	102 100	101	51	214	8	488

0-5 6-15 16-20 21-65 66+ Totals

TABLE 22

	_	ىد.	<u>Ε</u>	122	108	20	198	38	486
	1928	1204	M.	118 122	26	55	221	23	514
	4	∞							
	1924	115	M.	84 110	116	44	236	22	505
ATION	19	4	표.	126	81	48	232	53	516
ND POPUI	191	1154	M.	96 126	83	28	235	12	484
I HOUSA	14	54	균.	96	92	53	235	27	206
CEX PER	1914	11	M.	93 96	88	29	236	24	495
AGE AND	60	1174	표.	116	81	36	255	28	516
DIANS BY	19		M.	117 116	96	46	217	∞	484
PLOOD IN	94	1195	굕.	89	28	52	323	18	519
•	19	11	M.	68	22	29	230	18	481
	90	1185	표.	64	28	20	326	23	521
	16	n 11	M.	84	81	62	232	20	479
	Date	Population		<u>1</u> -5	6-15	16-20	21-65	+99	Totals

TABLE 23

Blackfoot Indians by Age and Sex per Thousand Population

		Cr.	œ.	8 6	92	31	34	88
929	724	ᄄ						
_		M.	69	106	41	272	24	512
	695	Œ	109	92	14	233	33	487
16.	69		94					
1919 731	31	표.	22	22	37	276	12	479
19	75	M.	93	82	44	588	10	521
1914 737	787	压.	75	75	31	530	16	487
			84					
60	795	压.	87	73	65	233	14	472
19	75	M.	108	68	96	225	10	528
04	3	Œ,	54	4	26	258	41	453
19	845	M.	65	92	114	264	12	547
1900	968		9					
18	ŏ.	M.	51	116	48	272	20	202
Date	Population	İ	0-5	6-15	16-20	21–65	+99	Totals

TABLE 24

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512 491 509 488 512 495 505 495 505 487 513 497 503 497	-				18	53	25	35	19	56	56		82		24	31
	48				488	512	495		495	505	487	513	497	503	497	503

TABLE 25

Population by Age and Sex—British Columbia

34	F.	96	117	43	204	34	494
1934	X	91	117	43	221	34	506
1929	Œ,	92	112	51	221	35	495
19	M.	73	110	22	235	36	202
1924	표.	80	106	4	232	33	495
19	M.	73	112	45	245	30	202
1916	퍈.	80	94	29	237	25	495
19	M.	98	26	28	241	23	505
1914	퍈.	92	94	51	245	28	494
16	M.	81	66	52	250	24	206
1909	퍈.	73	06	42	254	34	493
19	M.	28	94	47	260	28	202
1904	퍈	22	84	42	264	25	497
16	M.	81	98	46	569	21	503
1899	뇬	92	72	42	281	56	497
18	M.	79	2.2	44	280	23	503
1897	压.	74	75	37	286	24	496
18	M.	22	81	38	287	21	504
Date	Age	0–5	6-15	16-20	21-65	÷99	Totals

TABLE 26

Indian Populations by Age and Sex

Date		Indian 10		Indian 920		Indian 930	Canada 19	Indian 929
\mathbf{Age}	M.	\mathbf{F} .	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0- 5	90	90	81	82	70	69	81	82
6–15	127	122	128	128	130	128	109	106
16 –2 0	54	53	50	51	54	54	60	56
21-65	212	199	225	209	230	209	218	216
66 +	25	28	23	23	29	27	32	33
Totals	508	492	507	484	513	487	500	49 3

TABLE 27
THE DAKOTA GROUP BY AGE AND SEX

Date	19	909	19	14	19	19	19	24	19	29
Age	M.	F.	M.	\mathbf{F} .	M.	F.	Μ.	F.	M.	F.
05	89	81	110	103	95	95	107	84	90	93
6-15	110	101	105	103	121	101	122	111	116	108
16-20	44	43	35	28	37	42	36	29	5 3	47
21-40	142	134	132	132	126	117	119	112	112	107
41-65	108	102	96	110	94	100	107	100	102	92
66+	15	19	17	22	27	34	24	36	33	32
Unknown Age	6	6	5	2	8	2	9	4	10	5
Totals	514	486	500	5 00	5 08	491	524	476	516	484

TABLE 28

UNITED STATES WHITE POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX

Date	18	880	1,8	390	19	000	19	910	19	920	19	30¹
Age	M.	F.	M.	\mathbf{F} .	M.	F.	M.	\mathbf{F} .	Μ.	\mathbf{F} .	M.	\mathbf{F} .
0- 4	79	76	67	65	68	66	67	65	64	62	69	67
5-14	137	133	124	120	122	118	114	111	116	113	112	109
15-19	53	54	52	52	52	51	52	51	48	48	48	48
20-64	222	215	242	233	245	233	253	239	254	245	252	246
65+	15	16	19	20	21	20	22	22	22	22	22	22
Unknown			5	1	3	1	2	2	1	5	3	2
Totals	506	494	509	491	511	489	510	490	505	495	506	494

¹ Ages 0-5, 6-15, 16-20, 21-65, 66+.

TABLE 29
Age Grouping, New Mexico

Date		eblo 34		ced eblo 34	To Pue 19		(Arriba Co. 930	To U. Ind 19	S. lian
Age	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0- 5	83	89	92	74	84	86	67	75	70	69
6 - 15	110	104	107	107	110	105	131	129	130	12 8
16-20	48	46	33	46	46	46	51	51	54	54
21 - 65	247	234	242	242	246	235	230	219	230	209
66 +	22	16	23	36	23	19	27	20	29	27
Totals	510	489	497	505	509	491	506	494	513	489

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} TABLE~30 \\ \hline Minors~and~Adults,~New~Mexico,~1930 \\ \hline \end{tabular}$

	Ad	ults	Mir	ors
	М.	F.	М.	F.
Pueblo Mixed	265	278	232	227
Pueblo Pure	269	250	241	239
Total Pueblo	269	254	240	237
Spanish American	257	239	249	255
Total U.S. Indian	259	236	254	251

TABLE 31 THE DAKOTA GROUP

Year	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1909 1910 1911 1912 1913 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921	1919	1920	1921	1922	1922 1923 1924 1925 1926	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
Population	720	744	771	784	805	805	835	818	856	876	859	860	869	874	877	887	006	006	920	914	930	936
Male	357	383	385	389	410	407	417	406	431	448	437	437	442	447	458	465	471	475	480	476	485	483
Female	363	361	386	395	395	395	418	412	425	428	422	423	427	427	419	422	429	425	440	438	445	453
Births																						
Male	14	21	20	17	23	12	19	16	18	56	10	21	16	23	25	19	56	18	22	22	16	20
Female	11	17	12	24	16	15	22	13	25	19	15	20	17	21	11	14	20	22	26	19	17	23
Deaths																						
Male	73	6	7	13	5,	16	∞	6	14	18	20	∞	22	21	11	13	20	19	17	25	11	19
Female	11	15	10	10	18	10	10	18	17	12	24	14	13	19	15	13	19	15	15	16	15	17

TABLE 32

BIRTH AND DEATH RATES PER THOUSAND POPULATION—DAKOTA GROUP

Date	Deaths	Births
1908-10	28	42
1911-15	28	43
1916-20	37	43
1921-25	37	45
1926-29	36	44

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} TABLE~33\\ Estimated~Number~of~Children~0-4~Years~per~Thousand~Women~20-44~Years\\ \end{tabular}$

	Children	Date	Children	Date
British Columbia	787	1904	1098	1934
Blood	662	1904	1301	1934
Blackfoot	777	1904	1282	1934
Western Cree	1016	1904	1204	1934
Wood Cree	1202	1909	943	1934
Plains Cree	986	1904	1223	1934
Carlton—William Charles	1376	1904	1109	1934
Carlton—Six Bands	952	1904	1122	1934
Dakota	981	1909	1118	1929
Assiniboin	1205	1904	1193	1934
U. S. Indian	1170	1910	1291	1930

TABLE 34

BIRTH AND DEATH RATES FOR RESERVATION INDIANS

qs	nbia	Ö,	35	45	35	37	33	:	:	
Briti	Columbia	В.	30	33	37	36	39	:	:	
/	Rates	D.	49	53	33	43	41	30	33	
	Average	B. D.	45	48	44	44	44	43	43	
	Dakota	B. D.	:	:	28	28	37	37	36	
	Dak	B.	:	:	42	43	42	42	44	
	Assiniboin ²	Ď.	44							
	Assini	B.	47	50	41	40	45	:	:	
	Blackfoot	D.	29	29	37	55	46	:	:	•
	Black	B.	43	44	39	45	44	:	:	
	Battleford ¹	D.	:	:	43	47	47	24	31	
	Battle	В.	:	:	48	49	45	45	43	
	Cree	D.	45	49	35	:	:	:	:	
	చ	B.	46	20	53	:	:	:	:	
			1895-99	1900-04	1905-09	1910-14	1915-19	1920-24	1925-29	-

TABLE 35

DEATH RATES PER THOUSAND FOR EACH CLASS, CARLTON
Six Bands

		Sı	x Bands			
		Minors			Adults	
	M.	F.	Totals	M.	F.	Totals
1895-1899	45	51	48	40	25	32
1900-1904	72	54	64	25	3 8	32
1905-1909	40	5 0	45	22	18	20
1910-1914	42	39	41	25	28	27
1915-1919	31	38	34	34	35	34
1920-1924	38	43	40	30	29	30
1925-1929	34	33	34	26	21	23
1930-1932	32	25	28	21	33	27
Averages	42	42	42	28	28	28
		William	Charles Band	i		
1895-1899	33	18	25			• •
1900-1904	55	15	35	18	5	11
1905-1909	36	30	33	16	17	17
1910-1914	37	33	35	19	13	16
1915–1919	40	16	28	16	17	17
1920-1924	20	32	26	17	24	21
1925-1929	20	15	18	9	18	14
1930-1932	28	20	24	8	15 ·	12
Averages	34	22	28	15	16	15

TABLE 36

DEATH RATES FOR THE CREE AT BATTLEFORD

	Period	Boys	Girls	Adults	Total Deaths
ø	\mathbf{Age}	0-20	0-20	21+	
	1905-1909	47	7 6	29	43
	1910-1914	62	64	33	47
	191 5 –1919	69	52	35	47
	1920-1924	30	35	16	24
	1925-1929	39	44	21	31

TABLE 37 AVERAGE BIRTH AND DEATH RATES PER THOUSAND POPULATION FOR SUCCESSIVE FIVE-YEAR PERIODS—CARLTON

		Six Band	S	Willian	n Charles	Band		Total	
			Average			Averag	е		Average
	Births	Deaths	Pop.	Births	Deaths	Pop.	Births	Deaths	Pop.
1899	42	42	727	42	16	147	42	38	874
1904	49	54	713	44	23	165	48	48	878
1909	50	36	777	31	25	192	46	34	969
1914	42	32	840	35	27	231	41	31	1071
1919	41	37	905	42	22	265	41	34	1170
1924	44	37	929	37	26	275	42	35	1204
1929	42	30	991	36	15	296	41	27	1287
1932	46	33	1062	48	19	335	46	29	1397

TABLE 38 POPULATION OF THE PLAINS AND WOOD CREE

	Plains Cree	Wood Cree
1909	3327	1535
1914	3002	1667
1919	2962	1777
1924	3233	30701
1929	3409	4351
1934	3949	4661

¹ Le Pas and later Isle a la Crosse agencies were added

			mood Croo			
	Mi	nors	Ad	lults	To	otal
Date	Μ.	F.	M.	F.	Μ.	$\mathbf{F}.$
1909	284	259	211	247	495	505
1914	285	265	201	248	486	514
1916^{1}	280	273	200	247	480	520
1924	273	269	204	255	477	523
1929	269	265	211	255	480	520
1934	270	268	210	252	480	520
			Plains Cree			
1909	239	248	241	270	482	518
1914	230	242	257	270	488	515
1916^{1}	241	248	248	265	488	512
1924	254	242	244	260	498	502
1929	253	248	245	254	498	502
1934	263	267	233	237	496	504

TABLE 40 $$\operatorname{Minors}$ and Adults among the Plains and Wood Cree $\operatorname{Smoothed}$ Series

Minors

							Le Pa	s and
	Pla	ins	\mathbf{W}	ood	Le	Pas	La C	rosse
	M.	\mathbf{F} .	Μ.	F.	\mathbf{M} .	F.	\mathbf{M} .	F.
1910-14	254	257	299	257	252	255		
1 915 –19	253	252	292	256	250	·274		
1920-24	257	248	285	250			276	276
1925–29	254	252	263	250			284	269
1930-34	256	257	255	255			282	255
Average	254	254	277	255			269	261
				Adults				
1910-14	245	243	197	247	217	275		
1915-19	245	249	205	247	225	274		
1920-24	24 1	253	203	247			189	259
1925–29	242	25 1	235	246			197	252
1930-34	240	246	242	246			204	258
Average	243	24 8	220	247			206	264

¹ Data for 1919 not available.

TABLE 41 WOOD CREE IN 1924

	Mir	nors	Adı	ults	To	tal
Agencies	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Touchwood	243	271	243	243	486	575
Onion Lake	283	255	208	255	491	510
Duck Lake	25 1	242	242	266	493	508
Carlton	262	282	208	248	47 0	530
Battleford	267	263	218	252	485	515
La Crosse	283	287	174	255	457	542
Pas	251	240	238	270	489	510

TABLE 42 Average Sex Ratios, 1900-1934

	Mi	nor	Ad	ult
	М.	F.	M .	F.
Alexander Band	229	225	246	299
(Edmonton)				
Enoch Band	241	217	265	279
(Edmonton)				
Joseph Band	278	303	199	220
(Edmonton)				
Paul Band	291	245	229	234
(Edmonton)				
3 Bands	233	256	242	270
(Stony-Morley)				
Carry-the-Kettle	224	232	27 1	273
(Assiniboin Agency)				
White Bear	252	234	244	270
(Moose Mt.)				
Mosquito-3 Bands	200	235	273	292
(Battleford)			•	

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