

Table No. 2.—Table showing Estimate of Distribution of European Population at 1842 and 1851 respectively

District.						1842.	1851 (Census).
Auckland—							
Auckland	..	..	..	..	..	2,795	} 9,430
Windsor (near Auckland)	..	..	..	..	..	100	
Bay of Islands	..	..	..	..	..	380	
Hokianga	..	..	..	..	..	263	
Smaller settlements	..	..	..	..	..	200	
New Plymouth	..	..	..	..	..	895	1,532
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	3,701	6,409
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	2,560	4,287
Canterbury—							
Akaroa	..	..	..	..	..	198	} 3,273
Rest of province	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	(Not then founded)	1,776
Total	..	..	..	..	..	11,092	26,707

The first general census of New Zealand population was taken in November-December, 1851, under the Census Ordinance of that year. This Ordinance provided for the taking of triennial censuses, although this particular provision with regard to triennial censuses was not implemented. Subsequent censuses were taken in 1858, 1861, 1864, 1867, 1871, 1874, 1878, and 1881, and thereafter at five-yearly intervals until 1926. Owing to the depression no census was taken in 1931, the next census being taken in 1936. No census was taken in 1941 owing to the war. The last census was taken in 1945.

The following table gives a picture of total population at the various censuses, and shows, besides the total population, the numerical increase as between censuses, the percentage increase, and the annual rate of increase.

Table No. 3.—Table showing the Total Population and Intercensal Increases from 1851 to the Present Date

Census.		Population (excluding Maoris).	Numerical Increase.	Percentage Increase.	Average Annual Percentage Increase.
1851	..	26,707	..	..	..
1858	..	59,413	32,706	122·46	12·14
1861	..	99,021	39,608	66·67	18·70
1864	..	172,158	73,137	73·86	20·54
1867	..	218,668	46,510	27·02	8·15
1871	..	256,393	37,725	17·25	5·11
1874	..	299,514	43,121	16·82	5·32
1878	..	414,412	114,898	38·36	8·43
1881	..	489,933	75,521	18·22	5·58
1886	..	576,524	86,591	17·67	3·32
1891	..	624,474	47,950	8·32	1·60
1896	..	701,101	76,627	12·27	2·33
1901	..	770,312	69,211	9·87	1·91
1906	..	886,000	115,688	15·02	2·79
1911	..	1,005,589	119,589	13·50	2·60
1916	..	1,096,228	90,639	9·01	1·57
1921	..	1,214,677	118,449	10·81	2·31
1926	..	1,344,469	129,792	10·69	2·05
1936	..	1,491,484	147,015	10·93	1·05
1945	..	1,603,554*	112,070	7·51	0·70

* Does not include 45,381 members of the Armed Forces overseas at the census date.