

C E N S U S

OF THE

ISLAND OF ST. HELENA

IN
1921.

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SIR,

WE have the honor to submit to Your Excellency the decennial Census Returns of the Population of this Island, taken on the night of the 24th April last. A return of Live Stock was also taken at the same time.

To enable us to arrive at accurate and conclusive figures, it was thought wise to adopt the system used by the Census Supervisors in 1911, and to again employ, where possible, all Enumerators who served at that time, their knowledge thus gained being of great assistance to us. Having decided on this course we feel confident that the Returns given herewith are as accurate as it is possible for them to be; and that the twenty Enumerators carried out their duties thoroughly.

The total number of persons in this Colony on the Census night amounted to 3747, and were made up as follows:—

	Persons.	Male:	Female.
Inhabitants	3666	1705	1961
Garrison	49	35	14
Deportees	32	16*	16
Total	3747	1756	1991

*Includes 1 Interpreter.

The total compared with 1911 (3477, exclusive of shipping) shows an increase of 270 persons. This increase is due partly to the arrival of a small Garrison and Deportees during the last decade, and to the fact that the large excess of Births over Deaths (564) more than counteracts the decrease of Immigrants under Emigrants (369). There was no shipping in Port when the Census was taken.

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The population per square mile works out at 79.7 persons as against 74 in 1911.

Taking the Civil Population at 3666 on Census night and allowing for 22 Births and 22 Immigrants from the 1st January to 24th April, and 7 Deaths and 47 Emigrants during the same period, would place the civil population on the 31st December, 1920, at 3676 persons, whereas the estimated figure on that date as given in the Blue Book was 3718—an excess of 42 persons. A Comparative Statement of Civil Population, for the Censuses of 1911-1921 is as follows :—

	Year.	Persons.	Male.	Female.
Inhabitants }	1911	3477	1615	1862
	1921	3666	1705	1961
Increase		189	90	99

giving an increase of 189 civilians in the last 10 years.

On Table No. 5 it will be seen that there were 1122 persons returned as "Married," i.e., 518 male and 604 female; 163 as "Widowed" and 2462 as "Single." Out of the latter figure 1270 were under the age of 14 years. Many married men were absent from the Colony doing service in Ascension Island and South Africa, also serving in H. M. Navy and Cable Ships, hence the predominant number of "Married" females returned. A Comparative Statement of the above figures with those of the previous Census is given herewith :—

	Married:	Widowed.	Single:
1911.	935	175	2367
1921*	1122	163	2462
Increase	187	—	95
Decrease	—	12	—

*Garrison and Deportees included.

Dealing with "Religions" on Table No. 5 it will be noted that the term "Anglican" is used and not

"Church of England" as in previous Reports ; and it will be seen below that this Denomination comprises over 86 per cent. of the population.

Religion.	No.	Proportion per cent. to total population.
Anglican	3238	86.41
Baptist	382	10.20
Salvation Army	62	1.65
Roman Catholic	20	.54
Weslyan & Scotch Church	13	.35
Mohammedan	32	.85
	<u>3747</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Table No. 10 gives the number of Scholars on the Public School Rolls as 612 as compared with 675 in 1911, giving a decrease of 63. There are also about a dozen children receiving private elementary tuition. As there were 1270 children returned under 14 years of age, it is presumed that about 646 are under school age.

The number of houses occupied according to the Census Schedules were 701, and unoccupied 87, as compared with 574 and 82 respectively in 1911. A number of small dwellings have been erected during the last ten years, especially in the vicinity of the Flax Mills. In 1911 there were 796 families to whom Census Schedules were issued, as against 840 families (excluding the Garrison and Deportees) and a like number of Schedules, in the current year. The figures relating to accommodation of the population will be found on Table No. 8, and a statement of accommodation for 1911-1921 is as follows :—

Census:	Persons living in 1 Room.	do. in 2 Rooms.	do. in 3 Rooms.	do. in 4 Rooms.	do. in 5 Rooms & over.
1911	560	915	634	372	996
1921*	506	996	941	471	754

* This does not include the Garrison or Deportees, which are shown on Table No. 8 as living in Barracks.

The return of Live Stock can be taken as fairly accurate, with the exception of "Goats." Very few owners of these elusive animals can give a satisfactory return, and the number might be reasonably increased by 30 per cent. It will be seen on Table 9, that there is a decrease under all other heads. The large decrease under Sheep is partly due to the small farmer having, in the hard times experienced during the War, killed or otherwise disposed of his flock, and also to a large number being shipped to Ascension during the last decade.

The acreage of land returned as being in the possession of Householders on the night of the 24th April was 7221 as compared with 7220 in 1911.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient servants,

S. CULLEN, } Supervisors.
A. NICHOLLS, }

To

His Excellency,

Colonel R. F. PEEL,

Governor & Commander-in-Chief

St. Helena.

Table No. 1.

Table shewing Total Population including Shipping, Garrison and Prisoners taken on the night of April 24th, 1921,
as compared with Census of 1911.

1911.

DISTRICTS.	Area Square Miles.	POPULATION.							
		Inhabitants.		E.T.C.	Shipping.	Totals.			
		M.	F.			Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Jamestown	...	603	768	1371	2	43	648	768	1416
Briars	...	56	61	117	26		82	61	143
Ruperts	...	19	22	41			19	22	41
Longwood to Rock Rose	...	178	179	357	1		179	179	358
Half Tree Hollow and Lemon Valley	...	354	431	785	1		355	431	786
Sandy Bay	...	103	105	208			103	105	208
Central	...	171	200	371	4		175	200	375
Casons West	...	97	96	193			97	96	193
Totals	47	1581	1862	3443	34	43	1658	1862	3520

Census, 1921.

	POPULATION.													
	Area Square Miles.	Inhabitants.		Garrison.		Prisoners.		Totals.						
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.				
DISTRICTS.														
Jamestown	...	...	630	776	1406	16	16	32	646	792	1438			
Briars	...	...	44	50	94				44	50	94			
Ruperts	...	...	17	20	37				17	20	37			
Longwood to Rock Rose...	...	...	232	225	457				232	225	457			
Half Tree Hollow	...	...	190	270	460	35	14	49	225	284	509			
Sandy Bay	...	...	116	119	235				116	119	235			
Central	...	...	174	205	379				174	205	379			
Casons West	...	...	302	296	598				302	296	598			
Totals...	47		1705	1961	3666	35	14	49	16	16	32	1756	1991	3747

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Table No. 2 (Continued).

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	Ages.										Conditions					
	Under 10	Under 14	Under 20	Under 30	Under 40	Under 50	Under 60	Under 70	Under 80	Under 90	Under 100	Totals	Single	Married	Widows	Totals
Jamestown ...	195	62	99	97	70	37	32	33	19	2		646	456	173	17	646
Briars ...	8	1	8	4	5	7	6	1	2	1	1	44	21	19	4	44
Ruperts ..	4	3	5	1	1	2	1					17	12	5		17
Longwood & Rock Rose ...	63	29	43	36	24	17	11	5	4			232	166	64	2	232
Half-Tree-Hollow ...	66	16	37	32	28	20	11	11	4			225	153	65	7	225
Central ...	41	18	21	36	18	15	13	9	2	1		174	117	53	4	174
Sandy Bay ...	28	10	20	20	12	10	11	2	3			116	71	42	3	116
Casons West ...	75	29	47	37	40	39	7	15	10	2	1	302	196	97	9	302
Totals	480	168	280	263	198	147	92	76	44	6	2	1756	1192	518	46	1756

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DISTRICTS.	AGES										CONDITIONS					
	Under 10	Under 14	Under 20	Under 30	Under 40	Under 50	Under 60	Under 70	Under 80	Under 90	Under 100	Totals	Single	Married	Widows	Totals
Jamestown ...	175	78	98	141	114	58	62	43	18	4	1	792	534	204	54	792
Briars ...	6	5	8	3	8	11	3	4	2			50	27	20	3	50
Ruperts ...	3	4	3	4	2	2	2					20	13	4	3	20
Longwood to Rock Rose ...	50	21	38	43	25	28	10	6	4			225	150	69	6	225
Half Tree Hollow ...	74	34	33	42	36	31	1	12	5	1	1	284	184	84	16	284
Central ...	41	20	31	37	22	25	15	6	5	3		205	131	63	11	205
Cascons West...	64	15	47	60	38	28	19	15	6	4		296	164	117	15	296
Sandy Bay ...	22	10	17	19	16	11	13	6	4	1		119	67	43	9	119
Total...	435	187	275	349	261	194	139	92	44	13	2	1991	1270	604	117	1991

Table No. 4.

Shewing the proportion of the Native to the whole Population.

	St. Helena	United Kingdom	British Colonies	France	Spain	United States of America	African Prisoners	Totals
Females ...	1909	40	24	1		1	16	1991
Males ...	1656	61	15	4	2	2	16	1756
Totals...	3565	101	39	5	2	3	32	3747

Table No. 6.

Table showing the Population of the Colony at each of the stated periods, distinguishing Sex and exhibiting the decrease or increase as compared with previous Census.

Census taken	Male	Female	Total	Difference from previous Census		Males to 100 Families No. of	Remarks.
				Decrease	Increase		
1851	2973	2517	5490		1285	84.6	Exclusive of Garrison 704
1861	2610	2886	5496		6	110.5	{ „ „ 948 „ Shipping 416
1871	2681	3157	5838		342	117.7	{ „ Garrison 302 „ Shipping 101
1881	2069	2442	4511	1327		117.9	{ „ Garrison 238 „ Shipping 310
1891	1775	2102	3877	634		118.4	{ „ Garrison 179 „ Shipping 60
1901	1534	1808	3342	535		117.8	{ „ Garrsn. 1532 „ Shipping 321 „ Prisoners of War 4655
1911	1581	1862	3443		101	117.7	{ „ Shipping 43 „ E.T.C. Staff 34
1921	1705	1961	3666		223	115.01	{ „ Garrison 49 „ Deportees 32

Table No. 7.

Shewing the number of Births and Deaths at different Age periods, registered from April 1911 to April, 1921, also Emigrants and Immigrants for same periods.

Period.	Births.	Deaths.								Total.	Excess of Births over Deaths.	Excess of Deaths over Births.	Emigrants.	Immigrants.	Remarks
		Under 10	Under 20	Under 30	Under 40	Under 50	Under 60	Under 70	Under 80	Under 90	Under 100				
April 9th to Dec. 31st 1911.	67	6	1	2	1	2	2	5	7	4	1	31	36	137	108
Year—1912	104	6	1		2	3	5	8	9	10		44	60	90	72
" 1913	101	7	2	3	1	8	6	6	5	12	1	51	50	95	40
" 1914	100	14		4	3	3	5	6	8	10	1	54	46	70	64
" 1915	87	16	1	3	3	5	3	5	8	8	1	53	34	63	60
" 1916	108	11	3	4	2	5	1	9	10	4	2	51	57	107	58
" 1917	96	3	1	1	1	1	3	9	14	8	1	52	44	54	38
" 1918	112	11		7	2	3	3	2	5	3	1	37	75	79	23
" 1919	125	8	1	4	1	1	2	5	8	2	2	29	96	163	33
" 1920	85	11		2	2	4	2	5	6	1	1	34	51	83	101
" 1st Jan. to 24th April 1921.	22						1	3	2		1	7	15	47	22
Totals...	1007	93	10	30	28	35	33	58	82	62	12	443	564	988	619

Table NO. 8.

Table Shewing accomodation of Population.

1 Room			2 Rooms			3 Rooms			4 Rooms			5 Rooms or more		
Families No. of	Family of	Persons Total No. of	Families No. of	Family of	Persons Total No. of	Families No. of	Family of	Persons Total No. of	Families No. of	Family of	Persons Total No. of	Families No. of	Family of	Persons Total No. of
46	1	46	17	1	17	5	1	5	4	1	4	4	1	4
27	2	54	44	2	88	28	2	56	12	2	24	24	2	48
35	3	105	41	3	123	48	3	144	16	3	48	23	3	69
13	4	52	32	4	128	26	4	104	17	4	68	23	4	92
16	5	80	37	5	185	31	5	155	13	5	65	19	5	95
12	6	72	29	6	174	20	6	120	9	6	54	15	6	90
5	7	35	16	7	112	17	7	119	9	7	63	13	7	91
5	8	40	7	8	56	11	8	88	7	8	56	10	8	80
1	9	9	7	9	63	6	9	54	5	9	45	5	9	45
			5	10	50	1	10	10	4	10	40	5	10	50
						2	11	22	1	11	11	1	11	11
						3	12	36				2	12	24
1	13	13				1	13	13				2	13	26
						1	15	15				1	20	20
161		506	235		996	200		941	97		478	147		745

FAMILIES.

PERSONS.

1 Room	161
2 Rooms	235
3 Rooms	200
4 Rooms	97
5 Rooms and more	147
Barracks	
Barracks	

846

506
996
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49 Garrison.
32 Deportees.

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Table No. 9.

Table shewing number of Live Stock in each of the periods stated.

	1911.	1921.	Remarks.
Horses.....	152	135	Decrease of 17
Cattle	1271	1042	„ 229
Sheep	4446	2981	„ 1465
Goats.....	1138	1432	Increase of 294
Swine.....	282	214	Decrease of 68
Asses.....	1149	1123	„ 26
Mules.....	36	14	„ 22

Table No. 10.

Shewing number of Schools, with Scholars on Roll on the 24th April 1921, also the degree of Elementary Education.

Schools.	Scholars on Roll.			Remarks.
GOVERNMENT--3 Schools.	Infants		42	Colonial Government
	Standard I		26	
	" II		27	
	" III		46	
	" IV		45	
	" V		21	
	" VI		29	
			<u>236</u>	
HUSSEY CHARITY--4 Schools.	Infants		75	By Bequest of Miss Rebecca Hussey.
	Standard I		51	
	" II		43	
	" III		48	
	" IV		35	
	" V		33	
	" VI		30	
			<u>315</u>	
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY--1 School	Infants		16	By voluntary contributions and Income from Investments.
	Standard I		10	
	" II		9	
	" III		11	
	" IV		9	
	" V		3	
	" VI		3	
			<u>61</u>	
Total Schools--8	Grand Total		612	