RETURN

To an Address presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all correspondence, not printed in the Sessional Papers of 1892, between the Government of this Province and the Government of the Dominion relative to the Census of 1891.

By Command.

JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
20th February, 1893.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OTTAWA, 1st February, 1892.

Honourable Hugh Nelson,
Lieutenant-Governor,
Government House, Victoria.

DEAR SIR,—A memorandum, being a copy of the Report of the Committee of the Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, relating to the recent Census of that Province, has been referred to me for comment.

On examining the document I fail to find a copy of the Census of the City of Victoria, taken by the local authorities referred to therein.

It will be impossible for me to deal intelligently with the questions submitted until I have full details of that Census of the City of Victoria, also a full statement of the instructions given to the Enumerators. Will you kindly have these sent to me?

I may state for your own information that the population of British Columbia, by the returns sent and now in process of tabulation, is very considerably in excess of the estimate given in Bulletin No. 1.

I may also state that if the Cariboo region had shown increase at all in proportion to the increase of 1881 over 1871, the population would have been very much larger than your estimate. The fact is that the population of Cariboo shows very considerable decrease. On discovering this I requested the Commissioner to make a report to me giving his views on the causes of the decrease.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) GEO. JOHNSON,
Statistician.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, B. C., 10th February, 1892.

SIR,—I am instructed to send you the enclosed printed copy of papers relating to the population of British Columbia, as represented by Bulletin No. 1, of the Census of Canada, 1891.

A copy of the Report and Schedules mentioned therein were forwarded to Ottawa and referred to the Department of Agriculture.

In connexion therewith, Mr. George Johnson, of the said Department, Statistician, writes as follows:—

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To enable the Government to comply with Mr. Johnson's request, I have to ask you to be good enough to furnish this office with copies of the documents named in the above extract.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

The City Clerk, Victoria.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, B. C., 26th February, 1892.

A. Campbell Reddie, Esq.,
Deputy Provincial Secretary, City.

SIR,—Apropos to your request as expressed in your letter of the 10th instant, *re* Census Returns of the City of Victoria, as taken by the City Council of 1891, and instructions to Enumerators in connection therewith, I have the honour to forward to your office herewith a copy of said Census and instructions.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. J. DOWLER, *C.M.C.*

[Receipt of the above acknowledged on the 29th of February, 1892.]

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, B. C., 3rd March, 1892.

Re CENSUS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SIR,—Your letter of the 1st ultimo, addressed to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, was duly received and referred to this office.

In compliance with the request made therein for a copy of the Census of the City of Victoria, taken by the local authorities, and a statement of the instructions given to the Enumerators, I have the honour to forward the said documents as received from the City Clerk.

The forms I enclose, and the latter I send by book post.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

George Johnson, Esq.,
Statistician,
Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

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