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NOVA SCOTIA CENSUS 1861 Sherbrooke Polling District

Attached is material extracted from the census returns of 1861 for Guysborough County and the Sherbrooke Polling District. The Sherbrooke Polling District included the communities of Sherbrooke, Stillwater, Waternish, Sonora, St. Mary's River and Gegogan.

Forks of St. Mary's Polling District included inland communities of the District of St. Mary's such as Melrose, Glenelg, Aspen, Newtown and Caledonia. Molasses Harbour is the present Tor Bay area.

A careful reading of these census statistics can tell us a great deal about Sherbrooke in 1860.

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Census 1861 Sherbrooke Polling District - Guysborough Co.

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Over 3 & Under 4		Over 4 & Under 5		Over 5 & Under 10
16 males		22 males		81 males
19 females		14 females		84 females
Over 10 & Under 15		Over 15 & Under 20		Over 20 & Under 30
89 males		58 males		21 married males
74 females		67 females		76 single males
				41 married females
				56 single females
Over 30 & Under 40		Over 40 & Under 50		Over 50 & Under 60
60 married males		40 married males		17 married males
12 single males		3 single males		3 single males
				2 widowed
59 married females		36 married females		12 married females
7 single females		5 single females		1 single female
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4 widowed	1 single male	2 widowed
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11 married females	7 married females	2 married females
1 single female	7 single females	1 single female
		1 widowed
Total Males	166 married	Total Females
	414 single	170 married
	10 widowed	374 single
	<u>590</u>	35 widowed
		<u>579</u>

. 2 deaf & dumb males

Illiterates - can't read

Over 5 & Under 15 years of age

69 males
50 females

Over 15

39 males
43 females

Illiterates - can't write

Over 5 & Under 15 years of age

105 males
92 females

Over 15

80 males
107 females

No coloured persons or Indians in population.

Populations of Other Polling Districts in Guysborough County 1861.

Guysborough	2242
Intervale	968
Manchester	1548
Melford	1583
Crow Harbour	727
Cape Canso	826
Country Harbour	893
Sherbrooke	1169
Marie Joseph	648
Forks, St. Marys	1162
Molasses Harbour	947

Total Population
Guysborough County 12,713

Average number of people per family 6.21

Guysborough County:

4,138 over 5 years cannot read
5,792 over 5 years cannot write

Out of a total population of 1,162

1107 people natives of Sherbrooke
7 from England
12 from Scotland
14 from Ireland
2 from Canada
2 from New Brunswick
4 from Newfoundland
10 from Prince Edward Island
4 from United States
2 from France
1 from Spain
1 from Portugal
1 from Mediterranean
1 from Denmark

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Religions - Sherbrooke

Anglican	251
Catholic	100
Ch. of Scotland	1
Presbyterian	407
Baptist	407
Methodist	3

Deaths 1860 - 61 Sherbrooke

Diphtheria	3
Scarlet fever	6
Pleurisy	1
Disease of liver	1
Disease of bowels	3
Child-Bed	1
Rheumatism	2
Drowned	2
	<u>19</u>

Guysborough County - Occupations

3 Collectors of Customs	1 County Treasurer
2 Clerks of Peace	2 Registrars of Deeds
3 Block & Pump Makers	2 Cabinet Makers
6 Carriage Makers	1 Chair Maker
1 Dyer	193 Farm Labourers
23 Lumberers	38 Merchants
1 Miner	2 Painters
4 Riggers	38 Shipwrights
25 School Teachers	1 Tin Smith
2 Telegraph Operators	5 Deputy Postmasters
1 Sheriff	4 Coroners
2 Judges of Probate	3 Boat Builders
109 Carpenters & House Joiners	9 Clerks
2 Caulkers	3 Dressmakers
820 Fisherman	82 Labourers
189 Mariners	6 Millwrights
2 Plasterers	1 Sailmaker
50 Shoe Makers	24 Traders
17 Tailors	1 Watch & Clock Maker
69 Magistrates	1 Prothonotary
2 Registrars of Probate	32 Blacksmiths
3 Barristers & Attorneys	109 Coopers
13 Clergyman	1435 Farmers
1 Photographer	1 Hotel & Inn Keeper
3 Lighthouse Keepers	9 Masons
28 Millers	2 Physicians & Surgeons
3 Harness Makers	1 Stone Cutter
10 Tanners & Curriers	1 Tailoress
10 Weavers	

Agriculture - Sherbrooke

16 Acres Salt Marsh	765 Tons of Hay Cut 1860
31 Bushels of Rye Cut 1860	353 Acres Cultivated Intervale
137 Bushels of Wheat Cut 1860	3416 Bushels of Oats Cut 1860
507 Acres Cultivated Upland	314 Bushels of Barley Cut 1860
565 Bushels of Buckwheat Cut 1860	3 Bushels of Peas & Beans Cut 1860
703 Bushels of Turnips	6 Bushels of Plums
110 Horses	10848 lbs. Butter Made in 1860
27 Hand Looms	120 Thousand Bricks Made

695 Nets & Seines	31 Barrels Shad cured 1860
706 Barrels Salmon cured 1860	26 Carriages made in 1860
4 Bushels of Timothy Seed Cut 1860	74 Bushels of Other Roots
325 Neat Cattle exclusive of Cows	992 Sheep
283 Yards Fulled Cloth Made in 1860	30 lbs. Cheese Made in 1860
11 Vessels employed in Fisheries employing 53 men	1943 Quintals Dry Fish Cured in 1860
38 Boats Built in 1860	2507 Barrels Herring Cured 1860
197 Bushels of Apples	1985 Gallons of Fish Oil in 1860
372 Milch Cows	5751 Bushels of Potatoes
154 Pigs	3673 Yards Not Fulled Cloth
100 Boats employed in Fisheries employing 93 men	542 lbs. Maple Sugar
101 Barrels Alewives cured 1860	42 Barrels Mackerel cured 1860
	\$1320. Value of Leather Manufactured in 1860

Lumber Manufactured in 1860

700m. feet deals, superficial
201m. feet pine boards
600m. feet square spruce & hemlock boards
467 tons square timber
43m. staves

Vessels

4 launches in 1860
691 tonnage
4 under construction
March 30, 1860
800 probable tonnage

Houses & Buildings - Sherbrooke 1860-61

159 inhabited houses
6 vacant houses
5 houses under construction
13 stores & shops
178 barns & outhouses
7 school houses
4 schools in operation March 30, 1860
2 Church of England
1 Catholic Church
1 Presbyterian
2 Baptist Churches

Mills

There are no grist mills listed for Sherbrooke. Forks of St. Mary's had 5 grist mills, 10 sawmills, 2 carding mills and 2 shingle mills all powered by water. Sherbrooke had 3 sawmills powered by water employing 12 men and valued at \$5400.