

Devolution: Barriers and Realistic Solutions for the BS&L

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The colony of a civilised nation which takes possession either of a waste country, or of one so thinly inhabited that the natives easily give place to the new settlers, advances more rapidly to wealth and greatness than any other human society.

Adam Smith, **An inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations** Book IV, Chapter VII, Part II

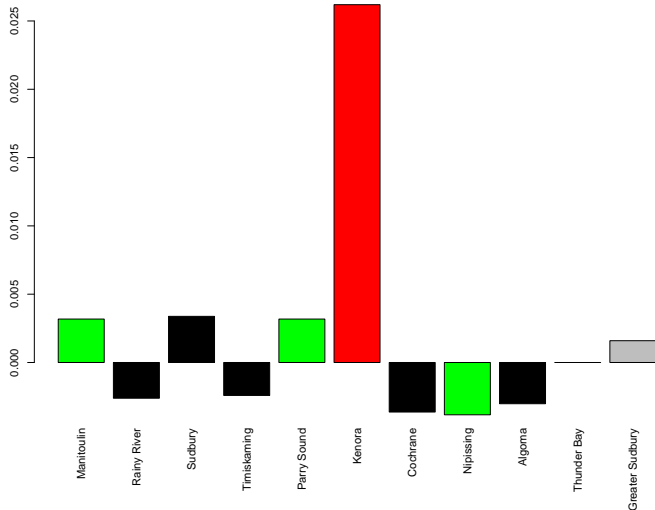
The existing regime has failed.

”The most remarkable aspect of the policy regime for Northern Ontario is its astonishing failure in the second half of the 20th century to convert the enormous natural resource base into viable economic development in the region.”

David Robinson, **The Social Foundations for Sustainability: Carbon, Creativity and the Failure of Canadian Forestry Strategy**, in *Innovation Science and Environment: Canadian Policies and Performance, 2008-2009*. ed Glen Toner

Northern Ontario entered Canada as a colony of a colony. It retains many hallmarks of a colony.

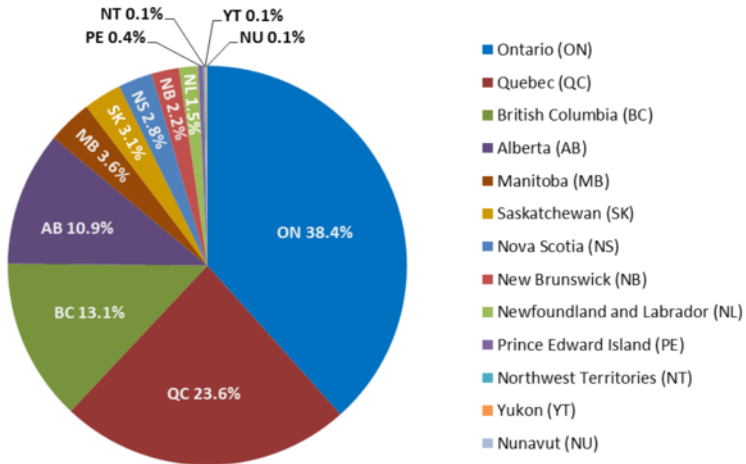
NO is not growing



Remote and low density regions around the world are losing population.

Can Ontario?

Percent of Canada's Population (2011)



Forecasts Red CDs Fall short of Ministry of Finance Forecast

CD	A=2016 Census		F=Forecasts		Actual - Forecast
	2011	2016	2016	2041	
Nipissing	84,736	83,150	87.6	89.9	-4,450
Parry Sound	42,162	42,824	42.7	44.1	124
Manitoulin	13,048	13,255	13.6	13.5	-345
Sudbury	21,196	21,546	20.5	16.8	1,046
Greater Sudbury	160,376	161,647	165.3	167.5	-3,653
Timiskaming	32,634	32,251	32.6	29.7	-349
Cochrane	81,122	79,682	80.5	73.6	-818
Algoma	115,870	114,094	116.2	105.1	-2,106
Thunder Bay	146,057	146,048	147.9	147.3	-1,852
Rainy River	20,370	20,110	19.7	16.9	410
Kenora	57,607	65,533	71.0	77.1	-5,467

Decline appears to be a general pattern

“Regional decline will become an increasingly prevalent occurrence in nations at the end of the demographic transition whose economic geographies display centre-periphery relationships.”

Mario Polse, Richard Shearmur . Papers in Regional Science, Volume 85 Number 1 March 2006.

- 1 Outmigration swamps in-migration in Nippising, Manitoulin, Algoma, Thunder Bay, Rainy River, and Kenora (6/11)
- 2 Return migration is substantial

(Births and deaths are ignored in this table)

Thank You

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