HOW THE 1921 UK CENSUS ANTICIPATED THE 2020 RECOMMENDATIONS

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1920-21

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1920-21

Hitler

Airship R38 It’s up ................. It’s down
1920-21
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A standard two-seater

High infant mortality
Census Act 1920

1920 CHAPTER 41

An Act to make provision for the taking from time to time of a Census for Great Britain or any area therein and for otherwise obtaining Statistical Information with respect to the Population of Great Britain

[16th August 1920]

1 Power to direct taking of census

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for His Majesty by Order in Council from time to time to direct that a census shall be taken for Great Britain, or for any part of Great Britain, and any Order under this section may prescribe—

(a) the date on which the census is to be taken; and

(b) the persons by whom and with respect to whom the returns for the purpose of the census are to be made; and

(c) the particulars to be stated in the returns:

Provided that—

(i) an order shall not be made under this section so as to require a census to be taken in any part of Great Britain in any year unless at the commencement of that year at least five years have elapsed since the commencement of the year in which a census was last taken in that part of the Great Britain; and

(ii) no particulars shall be required to be stated other than particulars with respect to such matters as are mentioned in the Schedule to this Act.

(2) Before any Order in Council is made under this section, a draft thereof shall be laid before each House of Parliament for a period of not less than twenty days on which that House has sat, and, if either House before the expiration of that period presents an address to His Majesty against the draft or any part thereof, no further proceedings shall be taken thereon, but without prejudice to the making of a new draft Order: Provided that, if by part of any such Order it is proposed to prescribe any particulars with respect to any of the matters mentioned in paragraph six of the Schedule to this Act, that part of the Order shall not have effect unless both Houses by resolution approve that part of the draft, or, if any modifications in that part are agreed to by both Houses, except as so modified.

(3) Any Order in Council made under this section may be revoked, amended or varied by a subsequent Order.
Traditional census methodology

John Rickman

Bernard Mallet
Traditional census methodology
A new census methodology?

Carry your identity card always.

You may be asked for it at any time to prove to the police or military who you are and where you live.

Your card must bear your usual address. If you move, go to the National Registration Office and have the address altered there. You must not alter the address yourself or anything else on your card.

Sir Sylvanus Percival Vivian
Questions on infirmity

William Farr

William Ogle
Did the poor have bad genes?
New questions in the 1921 Census
Black Friday strike of coalminers, railwaymen and transport workers
Horatio Bottomley, MP and fraudster
Holidaymakers enjoying the warm weather at Portobello on Census day
THE CENSUS.

Head of the Family (filling up the papers). "Well, Miss Primrose, as a Visitor, I must put your age in! What shall we say?"

Miss P. "Oh, it's best to be straightforward. The same as dear Flora. Twenty last Birthday!"
Social classifications

Stephenson’s 1911 Social Classes

I  Upper and Middle Classes
II  Intermediate class
III-VIII Working classes
   III  Skilled workers
   IV  Intermediate workers
   V  Unskilled workers
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   VI  Textile workers
   VII  Miners
   VIII  Agricultural workers

Stephenson’s 1921 Social Classes

I  Professional occupations
II  Intermediate occupations
III  Skilled occupations
IV  Partly skilled occupations
V  Unskilled occupations

Thomas Henry Craig Stevenson
The need for housing statistics not fulfilled until 1951
Any questions?