

Populating New France

We will look at the 1666 census again. Focus on the number of females and the ages of the colonists. What effect would that have on populating the colony?

How might you rectify this situation if you were Jean Talon?

We will view [Worlds Collide | Canada: The Story of Us, Full Episode 1](#) beginning at 20:41 and pausing at 27:00. What is your reaction to his plan to bring the **Filles de Roi** over to New France?

In addition to bringing girls over to New France, Talon had other plans to increase the population:

- Parents who did not marry their daughters off by the ages of 16 or sons by the age of 20, were fined.
- Men and women who married early were given money from the King.
- To encourage large families (as was mentioned in this part of the video) parents received a special allowance if they had more than 10 children.

What is your reaction to these measures?

What do you think of de Tracy's actions?