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34. In 1871, in the Province of Quebec, there was an excess of 566 males over females—males numbering 596,041, and females 595,475, but for the year under review there were females, 680,918, and males, 678,109, being an excess of females of 2,809. If we except the Territories where there was an excess of females of 220, Quebec is the only Province where females were in a majority. The total increase in population for the Dominion was 18·97 per cent.

35. Ontario showed the largest increase in occupied dwellings, viz., 25·6 per cent. The average number of persons to the inhabited dwelling was lower in 1881, being 6·1 in Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, against 6·4 in 1871, and 5·3 in Ontario, against 5·7 in 1871. The average for the whole Dominion in 1881 was 5·8 or fifty-eight persons to every ten inhabited houses. In 1871 the average was 5·2. As there were no returns of this nature from Prince Edward Island, Manitoba or British Columbia in 1871, comparisons cannot be made.

36. The next tables show the number of persons of each religious belief in the several Provinces in 1881, together with the corresponding figures of 1871 and subsequent increase or decrease. The proportions to populations respectively, both of Province and Dominion, in 1881 are also given. The tables are arranged in numerical order, the religion having the largest number of followers, being placed at the head of the list in each case.