

Proportions of increase among different sects.

103. The two religions of largest numbers, viz., Presbyterian and Church of England, increased respectively 98·7 per cent. and 62·3 per cent., and show a much larger numerical increase than any other denominations. Methodists and Roman Catholics stand third and fourth in point of numbers, and show respective increases of 96·9 per cent. and 19·6 per cent. The small increase among Roman Catholics is doubtless in part owing to many Indians having been included in 1881 who were not counted at all in 1886. The apparently large decrease in the number of Baptists is due to the fact that in 1881 the Mennonites were wrongly classed under this head; in the last census they were more properly counted by themselves. The largest percentage of increase has been among the Jews, viz., 1545 per cent., the numerical increase being 510. Almost the whole number of those "not given" were Indians, many of whom profess some form of Christian religion, while many are still Pagans; but to avoid inaccuracies no attempt was made to classify them.

Religions in Winnipeg.

104. In the city of Winnipeg the principal religions were Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Lutheran, in the order named, and their combined following comprised 89·17 per cent. of the population of the city. In 1881 the order was the same, with the exception of the Lutherans, whose place was taken by the Baptists. The largest increase among them during the five years was made by the Church of England, viz., 151 per cent.; followed by Methodists, 134 per cent.; Presbyterians, 123 per cent., and Roman Catholics 120 per cent.