

CHAPTER XI.

SOCIAL AND ART STATISTICS.

RELIGION.

509. There is no State church in the Dominion, and no State assistance is given to any denomination; the Roman Catholic church, however, being guaranteed the privileges enjoyed in the Province of Quebec, before the British possession. Roman Catholicism prevails very extensively in the Province of Quebec, and also has numerous followers in the Maritime Provinces, Ontario and Manitoba, while almost every variety of Protestantism is represented in some part of the country in greater or less numbers, the principal denominations being Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist.

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510. An attempt was made last year to collect statistics from the leading religious bodies, which met with but little success, the only returns received being from the Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Universalists, United Brethren and the Evangelical Association; the Methodist and Baptist returns were nearly complete, but not quite, and from only a few of the dioceses of the Church of England could answers be obtained, while, with two exceptions, no answers were received from the Roman Catholic church.

Collection
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511. The following figures, giving the numbers of the clergy of certain denominations, are believed to be fairly correct, but are not official:—The Church of England has 17 Bishops and over 900 clergy; the Roman Catholic Church has 1 cardinal, 5 archbishops, 16 bishops and about 1,200 clergy; the Methodists have about 1,500 clergy, the Baptists about 500 clergy, Evangelical Lutheran Synod 53, Reformed Episcopal Church 24, African Methodist Episcopal 17, and

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