

CHAPTER X.

SOCIAL AND OTHER STATISTICS.

RELIGION.

598. There is no State church in the Dominion, and no State assistance is given to any denomination; the Roman Catholic church, however, being guaranteed, in the Province of Quebec, the privileges enjoyed 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.

Distribution of religions in Canada.

599. It is not possible to give the exact figures of the various religious denominations in Canada, as some of the leading ones, notably the Roman Catholic church, and many dioceses of the Church of England, do not supply the information asked for; but the following figures, which are partly official, are believed to give a very fairly correct statement of particulars concerning the principal religious bodies in this country:—

Statistics of certain denominations.

The Church of England has 19 Bishops and about 1,000 clergy. The first colonial Bishop was appointed in 1787 to Nova Scotia; the next was appointed to Quebec in 1793, the diocese comprising Upper and Lower Canada. A coadjutor was appointed in 1836, and the first Bishop of Upper Canada in 1839. A Bishop of New Brunswick was appointed in 1845, and the other dioceses have been formed subsequently.