

CHAPTER X.

SOCIAL AND OTHER STATISTICS.

RELIGION.

635. 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.

Distrib-
tion of
religions in
Canada.

636. The exact figures of the principal religious denominations in Canada cannot be given, as some of the leading ones, notably the Roman Catholic church and many dioceses of the Church of England have failed so completely to supply the information asked for, that no attempt was made to obtain any particulars from them for this issue. The following figures however, which are in many cases official, are believed to represent the position of the leading religious bodies in this country, with a very fair amount of accuracy :—

Statistics
of certain
denomina-
tions.

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.