

NUMBERS OF THE LEADING RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN  
CANADA ACCORDING TO THE LATEST CENSUSES.

PROVINCES.	Roman Catholic.	Church of England.	Presbyterian.	Methodist.	Baptist.
*Ontario .....	320,839	366,539	417,749	591,503	106,680
*Quebec .....	1,170,718	68,797	50,287	39,221	8,853
*Nova Scotia .....	117,487	60,255	112,488	50,811	83,761
*New Brunswick .....	109,091	46,768	42,888	34,514	81,092
†Manitoba .....	14,651	23,206	28,406	18,648	3,296
*British Columbia .....	10,043	7,804	4,095	3,516	434
*Prince Edward Island .....	47,115	7,192	33,835	13,485	6,236
‡The Territories .....	3,301	9,976	7,712	6,910	778

\* Census 1881. † Census 1886. ‡ Census 1885.

The total number of Protestants in the Dominion in 1881 was 2,439,188, and of Roman Catholics, 1,791,982.

EDUCATION.

638. Under the British North America Act, 1867, the right to legislate on matters respecting education was placed in the hands of the Governments of the several Provinces, the rights and privileges of denominational and separate schools, then existing, being specially protected. Educational control vested in Provincial Governments.

639. As a consequence of the above, there is a considerable difference in many details in the Public School systems in force in the various Provinces, though they are all based on the principle of free education, the funds being supplied by local taxation and Government grants. Ontario lays claim to having the most perfect system ; but be that as it may, the arrangements in each Province are admirable, and it is doubtful if any country, other than Canada, can boast of the same extended educational facilities. Difference in the several Provincial systems.

640. In Ontario the school system is under the control of the Minister of Education, who is a member of the Provincial Leading features of the several systems.