

Catholic Church there. The large number in the province of Nova Scotia is probably due to the fact that the cost of fees established many years ago, is so small that the poorest in the land are not prevented from seeking relief in the courts.

1500. The 202 divorces were granted in 113 cases where the husband was petitioner for relief, and in 89 cases where the wife was petitioner.

1501. The following table gives the divorces by provinces and sex :—

	Males.	Females.	Total
Ontario	18	13	31
P. Quebec	6	7	13
Nova Scotia	35	35	70
New Brunswick	31	27	58
British Columbia	21	7	28
Manitoba.....	1	..	1
N. W. Territories.....	1	..	1
Total.....	<u>113</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>202</u>

Male petitioners predominated in Ontario, New Brunswick and British Columbia. Females are one more than males in Quebec; both sexes are on an equality as to numbers in Nova Scotia.

1502. By far the largest proportion of the divorces granted by the Dominion Parliament, and by the several provincial courts of divorce, were granted for adultery.

1503. The importance of the Historical Archives Division of the Department of Agriculture, which has not ceased to assert itself since its foundation in 1872, grows year by year by the constant augmentation of numerous historical documents and copies of historical documents from the Archives of England and France. Such is the interest caused by this collection in its present form, that scarcely a day passes in which the office does not receive from all points of Canada and the United States requests for information which this office alone is in a position to answer satisfactorily, seeing that it alone, on the continent of America, is in possession of copies of unpublished historical documents concerning the wars, the politics and diplomacy which have taken place between England, France, the United States and Canada. These papers contain copies of the Bouquet collection, comprising 30 volumes of manuscript, and embracing the years 1757 to 1765, inclusive; the Haldimand collection, which com-