

The following statement gives the number of divorces granted in the States named in 1893 :—

New York.....	1,476	New Jersey ..	292
Connecticut.....	390	Rhode Island ..	278
Delaware.....	20	Ohio.....	2,913

ARCHIVES.

1395. The Dominion Archives were first established in 1872 owing to a numerously signed petition presented to Parliament in 1871 praying that steps be taken to collect and arrange the materials relating to the history of the country. On a joint report from the Senate and Commons, Parliament assigned to the Minister of Agriculture the performance of this important work.

A general statement of the work done appeared in the Year-Book for 1893.

The Archivist in his report for 1895 states that transcripts of the State papers in London continue to be received. The calendar of the papers presented in the 1895 report includes papers respecting New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Hudson Bay.

INDIANS.

1396. A comparison of the figures published in 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895 will disclose an apparent decrease in Canada's Indian population, in 1893 amounting to 9,488 souls, and an increase of 5,048 in 1895 over 1894. Closer examination will show that of the decrease given in 1893, 9,341 have been taken from British Columbia, and it may be explained that the reduction is entirely attributable to the correction of former approximate estimates, rendered possible by improved facilities for ascertaining facts. It appears, therefore, that the population has about reached the stationary limit even among the Indians of Manitoba and the North-west Territories. Considering the comparatively short time that has elapsed since many of these Indians began to abandon their natural manner of life, the extent to which they have intermarried, the great difficulty in getting them to submit to the treatment and care required to cope with the various diseases which have accompanied the invasion of civilization, it may be assumed that we have arrived at a "survival of the fittest" and that hereafter a slight increase of population may be expected. This has shown itself in 1895, a