

## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

From the Census returns it is learned that there were 10,480 churches in Canada in April, 1891. This is an increase over 1881 of 1,828.

Divided among the denominations, the increase is distributed as follows:—Baptists, 324; Roman Catholics, 301; Church of England, 415; Methodists, 322; Presbyterians, 411. All other denominations, 55.

Of the total number of churches, the Methodists have nearly 32 per cent, the Presbyterians and Roman Catholics 17 per cent each, the Church of England 16 per cent, the Baptists 12 per cent, leaving 6 per cent for "all others."

Taking the total population, there is a church provided for every group of 461 persons. Taking the several denominations, the Roman Catholics have one church for every group of 1,115 of their persuasion, the Church of England one for every group of 386 of its adherents, the Methodists one for every group of 251, the Presbyterians one for every group of 428, and the Baptists one for every group of 240.

During the decade 1881-91, the Church of England appears to have been the most active in providing places of worship for the people, the Presbyterians coming next, the Baptists third, the Methodists fourth and the Roman Catholics fifth.

Territorially considered, the Church of England has provided 337 additional churches in the provinces east of Manitoba, and 78 in Manitoba and the other western provinces. Methodists have provided 227 in the eastern and 95 in the western provinces; Presbyterians, 302 and 109 respectively; Roman Catholics, 257 and 44; and the Baptists, 305 and 19 respectively.

Of their total increase, the Methodists have established 70 per cent in the five eastern provinces, and 30 per cent in the western provinces. The Presbyterians have built 73 per cent of their increase in the eastern, and 27 per cent in the western provinces. The Church of England 81 per cent in the east, and 19 per cent in the west. The Roman Catholics have apportioned their increase by building 85 per cent of it in the eastern, and 15 per cent in the western, and the Baptists 94 per cent and 6 per cent respectively.