

18.—Proportion per cent which the People of each Racial Origin form of the total Population, 1871, 1881, 1901, 1911 and 1921.—concluded.

Origins.	Number per cent of population				
	1871.	1881.	1901.	1911.	1921.
Greek.....	-	-	0.01	0.05	0.06
Hebrew.....	-	0.02	0.30	1.05	1.44
Hungarian.....	-	-	0.03	0.16	0.14
Indian.....	0.66	2.51	2.38	1.46	1.26
Italian.....	0.03	0.04	0.20	0.63	0.76
Japanese.....	-	-	0.09	0.13	0.18
Negro.....	0.62	0.50	0.32	0.23	0.21
Polish.....	-	-	0.12	0.46	0.61
Russian.....	0.02	0.03	0.37	0.60	1.14
Scandinavian.....	0.05	0.12	0.58	1.49	1.80
Serbo-Croatian.....	-	-	-	-	0.04
Swiss.....	0.08	0.11	0.07	0.09	0.15
Turkish.....	-	-	0.03	0.05	0.01
Ukranian-Bukovinian.....	-	-	-	0.14	0.02
Galician.....	-	-	0.11	0.49	0.28
Ruthenian.....	-	-	-	0.41	0.19
Ukranian.....	-	-	-	-	0.73
Various.....	0.03	0.09	0.03	0.29	0.22
Unspecified.....	0.22	0.94	0.59	2.04	0.24
Total.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

7.—Religions.¹

The religions of the people of Canada have been recorded at each of the censuses taken since 1871, the instruction book issued to the enumerators at the census of 1921 stating that the religion of each person should be recorded, specifying the denomination, sect or community to which the person belonged or adhered, or which he or she favoured. The number of persons stating their preference for each of the principal religious bodies at each of the censuses is given in Table 19, while percentage figures are presented in Table 20.

In recent years there will be noted certain changes in the religious distribution of the population, corresponding to a considerable degree to the changes in racial origin noted above. For example, contemporaneously with the increase in the percentage of persons of English race during the past 20 years, there has taken place an increase in the Anglicans from 12.69 p.c. of the population in 1901 to 16.02 p.c. in 1921. The Presbyterians, to some extent as a result of Scottish immigration, have also increased from 15.68 p.c. of the total population in 1901 to 16.04 p.c. in 1921. Further, synchronizing with increasing immigration from continental Europe, the Lutherans have increased in the same period from 1.72 to 3.26 p.c., the Greek Church from 0.29 to 1.93 p.c., and the Jews from 0.31 to 1.42 p.c., while increasing Asiatic immigration is reflected in the growth of the adherents of Eastern religions from 0.29 to 0.46 p.c.

Of the total population of 1921 (8,788,483) 8,572,100, or 97.5 p.c., are classified as belonging to some Christian denomination or sect, 172,529, or 1.9 p.c., as non-Christian, this figure including 125,197 Jews, 40,554 of Eastern religions and 6,778 Pagans, leaving less than 0.5 p.c. otherwise reported.

On pages 112-113 of the 1924 Year Book appears a table giving for Canada and for the provinces the number of adherents of each of 64 specified religions, as well as (in a footnote) the totals for Canada for 57 others. In addition, there were 119 sects enumerated, each with fewer than 10 adherents. Thus altogether 240 distinct sects or denominations are reported, as compared with 203 in 1911 and 157 in 1901.

¹For detailed information on the religions of the population, see pp. 567-768 of Vol. I of the Census of 1921, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.