

In recent years there will be noted certain changes in the religious distribution of the population, corresponding in 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.

21.—Religions of the People at each Decennial Census, 1871-1921.

Religions.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Adventists.....	6,179	7,211	6,354	8,058	10,406	14,179
Agnostics.....	-	-	-	3,613	3,110	594
Anglicans.....	494,049	574,818	646,059	681,494	1,043,017	1,407,594
Baptists ¹	239,343	296,525	303,839	318,005	392,720	421,731
Brethren.....	2,305	8,831	11,637	8,014	9,278	11,580
Buddhists.....	-	-	-	10,407	10,012	11,281
Christians.....	-	-	-	7,484	17,264	12,566
Christian Science.....	-	-	-	2,619	5,073	13,826
Confucians.....	-	-	-	5,115	14,562	27,114
Congregationalists.....	21,829	26,900	28,157	28,293	34,054	30,730
Disciples of Christ.....	-	20,193	12,763	14,900	11,329	9,367
Doukhobors.....	-	-	-	8,775	10,493	12,648
Evangelical Association.....	4,701	-	-	10,193	10,595	13,905
Friends (Quakers).....	7,345	6,553	4,650	4,100	4,027	3,149
Greek Church.....	18	-	-	15,630	88,507	169,832
Jews.....	1,115	2,393	6,414	16,401	74,564	125,197
Lutherans.....	37,935	46,350	63,982	92,524	229,864	286,468
Mennonites (inc. Hutterites)	-	-	1	31,797	44,625	58,797
Methodists.....	567,091	742,981	847,765	916,886	1,079,993	1,159,458
Mormons.....	534	-	-	6,891	15,971	16,822
No Religion.....	5,146	2,634	-	4,810	26,027	21,739
Pagans.....	1,886	4,478	-	15,107	11,840	6,778
Plymouth Brethren.....	2,229	-	-	3,040	3,438	6,482
Presbyterians.....	544,998	676,165	755,826	842,531	1,116,071	1,409,407
Protestants.....	10,146	6,519	12,253	11,612	30,265	30,754
Roman Catholics.....	1,492,029	1,791,982	1,992,017	2,229,600	2,833,041	3,389,636
Salvation Army.....	-	-	13,949	10,308	18,834	24,733
Union Church.....	-	-	-	29	633	8,728
Unitarians.....	2,275	2,126	1,777	1,934	3,224	4,926
Other sects.....	27,553	21,382	36,942	17,923	31,316	55,918
Not given.....	17,955	86,769	89,355	43,222	32,490	19,354
Total.....	3,485,761	4,324,610	4,833,339	5,371,315	7,206,643	8,788,483

¹Including Tunkers in 1871, 1881, 1891.

²Included with Baptists in 1891.