

Marriages by Religious Denominations of Contracting Parties.—This analysis shows the very strong influence that the religious denominations of brides and grooms exerts in marriage. The 123,318 marriages that took place in 1940 are roughly divided among the various denominations in proportion as the total population is so divided. In all the denominations shown in Table 13, however, the ratio of grooms marrying brides of the same denominations is over 50 p.c. with the exception of Baptists and Presbyterians, which show percentages of 46·76 and 40·06, respectively. On such a percentage basis, the Jewish faith ranks first with 94·5 of the grooms marrying Jewish brides, the Roman Catholics are a close second with 91·3 p.c.; Greek Catholics and Protestant are in third and fourth places, each with between 70 and 75 p.c.; members of the United Church show 67 p.c., while Anglicans and Lutherans have each between 50 and 55 p.c.

13.—Marriages in Canada¹ by Religious Denominations, 1939 and 1940

Denomination of Groom	Total Mar- riages	Denominations of Brides											
		Ang- lican	Bap- tist	Greek Cath- olic	Jewish	Luth- eran	Pres- byter- ian	Pro- test- ant ²	Roman Cath- olic	United Church	Other Sects	Not Stat- ed	
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1939													
Anglican.....	16,062	8,445	766	42	5	330	1,180	91	1,454	3,379	362	5	
Baptist.....	4,660	671	2,324	11	1	66	250	21	263	868	182	Nil	
Greek Catholic.....	1,513	23	5	1,119	1	19	11	12	200	30	93	"	
Jewish.....	1,968	22	2	1	1,883	3	4	7	18	20	7	1	
Lutheran.....	3,516	362	109	44	1	1,762	165	30	305	542	196	Nil	
Presbyterian.....	7,338	1,508	339	23	4	195	2,897	42	615	1,549	165	1	
Protestant ²	2,850	132	30	16	6	53	66	1,939	370	171	67	Nil	
Roman Catholic.....	39,893	1,018	185	270	9	249	341	239	36,444	906	229	3	
United Church.....	20,775	2,809	845	42	5	513	1,079	68	1,150	13,787	471	3	
Other sects.....	5,034	285	156	90	1	168	148	29	274	472	3,410	1	
Not stated.....	49	10	Nil	Nil	2	1	1	11	8	Nil	16		
Totals, 1939	103,658	15,285	4,767	1,658	1,919	3,360	6,142	2,479	41,104	21,732	5,182	30	
1940													
Anglican.....	19,400	10,284	861	51	10	378	1,378	103	1,793	4,076	459	7	
Baptist.....	5,451	813	2,549	8	2	10	309	25	350	1,074	212	2	
Greek Catholic.....	1,583	17	6	1,140	1	15	8	8	261	32	95	Nil	
Jewish.....	2,100	28	6	1	1,984	5	6	7	35	16	12	"	
Lutheran.....	3,898	415	115	51	2	1,954	182	33	357	585	204	"	
Presbyterian.....	8,826	1,672	410	19	2	268	3,536	61	808	1,829	220	1	
Protestant ²	3,092	174	44	9	2	53	65	2,170	381	143	51	Nil	
Roman Catholic.....	48,686	1,250	247	281	11	295	453	254	44,432	1,193	264	6	
United Church.....	24,576	3,222	963	80	9	513	1,328	96	1,390	16,431	541	3	
Other sects.....	5,671	321	159	127	6	167	163	48	338	520	3,821	1	
Not stated.....	35	7	Nil	Nil	1	2	1	3	9	1	11		
Totals, 1940	123,318	18,203	5,360	1,767	2,029	3,756	7,430	2,806	50,148	25,908	5,880	31	

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

² Reported as "Protestant" without further information.

Marriage Rates in Various Countries.—For comparative purposes, the crude marriage rates per 1,000 of population in various countries of the world and in the provinces of Canada are shown for the latest years available in each case in Table 14.