

## Section 7.—Religions

At each census the actual numbers attached to any religious denomination, as reported by the persons enumerated, have been recorded. The growth of the different denominations from an early date is traced statistically in Table 11.

11.—Religious Denominations of the Population, Census Years 1871-1941, with Percentage Distribution for 1941

| Religion   | 1871                 | 1881             | 1891             | 1901             | 1911             | 1921             | 1931                   | 1941                   |               |
|--|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
|  | No.                  | No.              | No.              | No.              | No.              | No.              | No.                    | No.                    | p.c.          |
| Adventist.....   | 6,179                | 7,211            | 6,354            | 8,058            | 10,406           | 14,179           | 16,026                 | 18,449                 | 0.16          |
| Anglican.....  | 501,269              | 574,818          | 646,059          | 681,494          | 1,043,017        | 1,407,780        | 1,635,615              | 1,751,188              | 15.22         |
| Baptist.....   | 243,714              | 296,525          | 303,839          | 318,005          | 382,720          | 421,730          | 443,341                | 483,592                | 4.20          |
| Brethren.....  | 2,305                | 8,831            | 11,637           | 8,014            | 9,278            | 11,580           | 13,472                 | 13,767                 | 0.12          |
| Buddhist.....  | —                    | —                | —                | 10,407           | 10,012           | 11,281           | 15,784                 | 15,635                 | 0.14          |
| Christian.....   | 15,153               | —                | —                | 7,484            | 17,421           | 17,142           | 11,527                 | 8,515                  | 0.07          |
| Christian Science.                                       | —                    | —                | —                | 2,619            | 5,073            | 13,826           | 18,436                 | 20,222                 | 0.18          |
| Church of Christ,<br>Disciples.....                      | —                    | 20,193           | 12,763           | 17,164           | 14,554           | 13,107           | 15,811                 | 21,223                 | 0.18          |
| Confucian.....   | —                    | —                | —                | 5,115            | 14,562           | 27,114           | 24,087                 | 22,233                 | 0.19          |
| Congregationalist.                                       | 21,829               | 26,900           | 28,157           | 28,293           | 34,054           | 30,730           | 694 <sup>1</sup>       | <sup>2</sup>           | —             |
| Doukhorbor.....  | —                    | —                | —                | 8,775            | 10,493           | 12,648           | 14,913                 | 16,844                 | 0.15          |
| Evangelical<br>Church.....                               | 4,701                | —                | —                | 10,193           | 10,595           | 13,905           | 22,213                 | 37,002                 | 0.32          |
| Free Methodist<br>Church of<br>Canada <sup>3</sup> ..... | —                    | —                | —                | —                | —                | —                | 7,730                  | 8,788                  | 0.07          |
| Friends.....   | 7,353                | 6,553            | 4,650            | 4,100            | 4,027            | 3,149            | 2,424                  | 1,964                  | 0.02          |
| Gospel People.....                                       | —                    | —                | —                | 135              | 512              | 2,449            | 6,355                  | 7,005                  | 0.06          |
| Greek Orthodox <sup>4</sup> .                            | 18                   | —                | —                | 15,630           | 88,507           | 169,832          | 102,389                | 139,629                | 1.21          |
| International<br>Bible Students..                        | —                    | —                | —                | 99               | 925              | 6,678            | 13,552                 | 6,994                  | 0.06          |
| Jewish.....  | 1,115                | 2,393            | 6,414            | 16,401           | 74,564           | 125,197          | 155,614                | 168,367                | 1.46          |
| Lutheran.....  | 37,935               | 46,350           | 63,982           | 92,524           | 229,864          | 286,458          | 394,194                | 401,153                | 3.49          |
| Mennonite (incl.<br>Hutterite) <sup>5</sup> .....        | —                    | —                | —                | 31,797           | 44,625           | 58,797           | 88,736                 | 111,380                | 0.97          |
| Methodist.....   | 578,161              | 742,981          | 847,765          | 916,886          | 1,079,993        | 1,159,246        | <sup>2</sup>           | <sup>2</sup>           | —             |
| Mormon.....  | 534                  | —                | —                | 6,891            | 15,971           | 19,622           | 22,005                 | 25,284                 | 0.22          |
| No religion.....   | 5,146                | 2,634            | <sup>6</sup>     | 4,810            | 26,027           | 21,739           | 21,071                 | 19,126                 | 0.17          |
| Pagan.....   | 1,886                | 4,478            | <sup>6</sup>     | 15,107           | 11,840           | 6,778            | 5,008                  | 2,908                  | 0.02          |
| Pentecostal.....   | —                    | —                | —                | —                | 513              | 7,003            | 26,301                 | 57,646                 | 0.50          |
| Plymouth<br>Brethren.....                                | —                    | —                | —                | 3,040            | 3,438            | 6,482            | 6,983                  | 6,447                  | 0.06          |
| Presbyterian.....  | 574,577              | 676,165          | 755,326          | 842,531          | 1,116,071        | 1,409,406        | 870,728 <sup>1</sup>   | 829,147 <sup>1</sup>   | 7.21          |
| Protestant, n.e.s..                                      | 10,146               | 6,519            | 12,253           | 11,612           | 30,265           | 30,753           | 23,296                 | 10,756                 | 0.09          |
| Roman Catholic..   | 1,532,471            | 1,791,982        | 1,992,017        | 2,229,600        | 2,833,041        | 3,389,626        | 4,285,388 <sup>7</sup> | 4,986,552 <sup>7</sup> | 43.34         |
| Salvation Army..   | —                    | —                | 13,949           | 10,308           | 18,834           | 24,733           | 30,716                 | 33,548                 | 0.29          |
| Unitarian.....   | 2,275                | 2,126            | 1,777            | 1,934            | 3,224            | 4,926            | 4,445                  | 5,578                  | 0.05          |
| United Church...<br>Other.....                           | —                    | —                | —                | —                | —                | 8,728            | 2,017,375              | 2,204,875              | 19.16         |
| Other.....   | 15,637               | 21,382           | 46,030           | 19,067           | 29,727           | 32,066           | 44,515                 | 53,679                 | 0.47          |
| Not stated.....  | 126,853 <sup>8</sup> | 86,769           | 80,267           | 43,222           | 32,490           | 19,259           | 16,042                 | 17,159                 | 0.15          |
| <b>Totals.....</b>                                       | <b>3,689,257</b>     | <b>4,324,810</b> | <b>4,833,239</b> | <b>5,371,315</b> | <b>7,206,643</b> | <b>8,787,949</b> | <b>10,376,786</b>      | <b>11,506,655</b>      | <b>100.00</b> |

<sup>1</sup> The figures for 1931 entered opposite "Congregationalist" and for 1931 and 1941 opposite "Presbyterian" represent the number not included in the "United Church". <sup>2</sup> Included in "United Church".

<sup>3</sup> Reported as Methodist before 1931. <sup>4</sup> Greek Orthodox and Greek Catholic combined under the term "Greek Church" in 1921. In the Censuses of 1931 and 1941, Greek Catholics are included with Roman Catholics.

<sup>5</sup> Mennonites were included with Baptists in 1871 and 1881; in 1891 they were included with "other denominations". <sup>6</sup> Included with "other". <sup>7</sup> Includes 186,654 Greek Catholics in 1931 and 185,657 in 1941.

<sup>8</sup> Includes 109,475 population in Manitoba, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories who were largely Indian and hence likely pagan.