

38.—Marriages by Religious Denominations of Contracting Parties, 1945-47

Year and Denominations of Bridegrooms	Denominations of Brides										Total Marriages	Percentage
	Anglican	Baptist	Eastern Orthodox	Jewish	Lutheran	Presbyterian	Roman Catholic ¹	United Church	Other Sects	Not Stated		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1945												
Anglican.....	7,423	761	77	8	330	1,057	1,472	3,763	473	7	15,371	14.2
Baptist.....	724	2,027	9	2	96	236	357	916	242	1	4,610	4.3
Eastern Orthodox.....	52	14	667	3	30	22	216	103	29	2	1,138	1.1
Jewish.....	20	3	1	1,583	6	3	25	18	13	1	1,673	1.5
Lutheran.....	394	116	45	4	1,384	170	401	636	205	2	3,357	3.1
Presbyterian.....	1,276	319	17	3	192	2,265	618	1,529	209	4	6,432	6.0
Roman Catholic ¹	1,333	294	177	13	291	428	43,549	1,408	418	16	47,927	44.4
United Church.....	3,431	976	66	8	529	1,189	1,524	13,023	562	7	21,315	19.7
Other sects.....	451	253	53	11	195	197	556	702	3,711	13	6,142	5.7
Not stated.....	16	—	—	—	2	3	9	8	4	24	66	0.1
Totals, 1945	15,120	4,763	1,112	1,635	3,055	5,570	48,727	22,106	5,866	77	108,031	100.0
Percentages.....	14.0	4.4	1.0	1.5	2.8	5.2	45.1	20.5	5.4	0.1	100.0	69.5 ²
1946												
Anglican.....	10,027	968	109	13	435	1,343	2,028	4,838	578	4	20,343	15.2
Baptist.....	947	2,520	15	5	119	326	478	1,214	285	1	5,910	4.4
Eastern Orthodox.....	71	18	913	1	34	18	285	103	37	1	1,481	1.1
Jewish.....	30	3	3	2,122	4	12	34	26	11	1	2,236	1.7
Lutheran.....	472	155	42	5	1,638	203	481	781	271	3	4,051	3.0
Presbyterian.....	1,632	426	40	9	197	2,868	788	1,911	240	—	8,111	6.0
Roman Catholic ¹	1,655	364	225	34	391	565	50,212	1,807	507	10	55,770	41.6
United Church.....	4,459	1,164	133	15	711	1,534	2,126	17,658	748	8	28,556	21.3
Other sects.....	619	286	27	14	210	254	707	839	4,628	2	7,586	5.7
Not stated.....	6	2	1	—	—	3	6	5	2	9	34	—
Totals, 1946	19,918	5,906	1,508	2,218	3,739	7,126	57,145	29,182	7,307	39	134,088	100.0
Percentages.....	14.9	4.4	1.1	1.7	2.8	5.3	42.6	21.8	5.4	—	100.0	69.1 ²
1947												
Anglican.....	9,207	778	103	9	442	1,164	1,920	4,420	620	6	18,669	14.7
Baptist.....	853	2,347	24	1	104	266	413	1,109	276	1	5,394	4.2
Eastern Orthodox.....	90	19	868	1	51	32	293	99	33	2	1,488	1.2
Jewish.....	20	8	1	1,978	2	9	27	29	30	1	2,105	1.7
Lutheran.....	485	125	45	2	1,627	189	476	742	223	2	3,916	3.1
Presbyterian.....	1,549	343	35	4	212	2,667	737	1,721	264	2	7,534	5.9
Roman Catholic ¹	1,580	344	235	14	392	524	47,941	1,647	608	16	53,301	41.9
United Church.....	4,408	1,126	137	13	700	1,461	2,073	16,787	813	6	27,524	21.6
Other sects.....	566	252	49	10	232	202	704	744	4,591	2	7,352	5.8
Not stated.....	9	—	1	—	—	5	5	4	2	4	28	—
Totals, 1947	18,767	5,342	1,498	2,032	3,762	6,517	54,589	27,302	7,460	42	127,311	100.0
Percentages.....	14.7	4.2	1.2	1.6	3.0	5.1	42.9	21.4	5.9	—	100.0	69.1 ²

¹ Includes Greek Catholic. religious denomination.

² Percentage of marriages between contracting parties of the same religious denomination.

Subsection 2.—Dissolutions of Marriage (Divorces)

For many years after Confederation, the number of divorces in Canada was very small. It was less than 20 in every year before 1900. There were 23 divorces in 1903, 51 in 1909 and 60 in 1913. These numbers were less than 1 per 1,000 of the yearly number of marriages.

One effect of the First World War was to increase the number of divorces. The generally unsettled conditions and the long separation between men on Active Service and their wives contributed to this increase. Changes in law and procedure