

**37.—Marriages, by Religious Denominations of Contracting Parties, 1948-50**  
(Exclusive of the Territories)

Year and Denominations of Bridegrooms	Denominations of Brides										Total Marriages	Percentage	
	Anglican	Baptist	Eastern Orthodox	Jewish	Lutheran	Presbyterian	Roman Catholic <sup>1</sup>	United Church	Other Sects	Not Stated			
<b>1948<sup>2</sup></b>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Anglican.....	8,790	800	98	7	372	1,095	1,884	4,094	539	—	1	17,680	14.3
Baptist.....	837	2,302	28	—	124	257	331	1,045	259	—	—	5,183	4.2
Eastern Orthodox.....	93	18	914	2	43	26	281	115	37	1	1	1,530	1.2
Jewish.....	37	3	2	2,020	1	5	48	29	24	—	—	2,169	1.8
Lutheran.....	443	107	50	1	1,746	160	457	772	227	2	2	3,965	3.2
Presbyterian.....	1,320	317	31	2	175	2,542	696	1,612	235	2	2	6,932	5.6
Roman Catholic <sup>1</sup> .....	1,623	313	275	11	364	505	47,517	1,709	529	12	52	52,858	42.9
United Church.....	3,951	923	119	13	684	1,399	1,901	15,781	693	5	25	25,469	20.7
Other sects.....	568	232	46	13	229	197	693	838	4,669	1	7,486	6.1	
Not stated.....	7	—	—	—	1	3	9	5	5	12	42	—	—
<b>Totals, 1948.....</b>	<b>17,669</b>	<b>5,015</b>	<b>1,563</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>3,739</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>53,817</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>7,217</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>123,314</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
Percentages.....	14.3	4.1	1.3	1.7	3.0	5.0	43.6	21.1	5.9	--	100.0	70.0 <sup>3</sup>	
<b>1949</b>													
Anglican.....	8,754	779	119	7	366	1,124	1,784	4,051	479	10	17,473	14.1	
Baptist.....	705	2,152	19	—	118	255	346	979	253	2	4,829	3.9	
Eastern Orthodox.....	99	25	1,037	2	61	34	352	130	45	3	1,788	1.4	
Jewish.....	43	4	4	2,089	5	9	50	30	31	1	2,266	1.8	
Lutheran.....	465	112	66	—	1,929	156	456	746	244	—	4,174	3.4	
Presbyterian.....	1,236	270	30	3	177	2,385	656	1,592	190	4	6,543	5.3	
Roman Catholic <sup>1</sup> .....	1,498	336	276	13	460	473	47,827	1,837	608	22	53,350	43.1	
United Church.....	3,875	914	159	5	638	1,255	1,958	15,731	801	15	25,351	20.5	
Other sects.....	622	279	59	15	242	231	760	847	4,969	4	8,028	6.5	
Not stated.....	11	2	—	—	4	4	14	13	2	25	75	0.1	
<b>Totals, 1949.....</b>	<b>17,308</b>	<b>4,873</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>5,926</b>	<b>54,203</b>	<b>25,956</b>	<b>7,622</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>123,877</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
Percentages.....	14.0	3.9	1.4	1.7	3.2	4.8	43.8	21.0	6.2	0.1	100.0	70.1 <sup>3</sup>	
<b>1950</b>													
Anglican.....	8,469	700	111	11	374	976	1,757	3,955	554	2	16,909	13.5	
Baptist.....	679	2,173	27	—	132	225	427	882	250	—	4,795	3.8	
Eastern Orthodox.....	97	24	1,047	1	70	30	351	149	50	1	1,820	1.5	
Jewish.....	37	5	—	1,933	6	9	28	32	22	—	2,072	1.7	
Lutheran.....	402	123	51	2	2,037	144	493	731	243	—	4,228	3.4	
Presbyterian.....	1,226	257	36	4	157	2,285	693	1,494	226	2	6,378	5.1	
Roman Catholic <sup>1</sup> .....	1,659	333	307	20	521	467	48,878	1,820	632	6	54,643	43.8	
United Church.....	3,886	888	127	10	666	1,208	1,970	15,894	755	6	25,410	20.4	
Other sects.....	631	252	53	9	268	221	809	931	5,354	3	8,531	6.8	
Not stated.....	6	2	—	—	1	—	6	2	3	39	59	—	
<b>Totals, 1950.....</b>	<b>17,092</b>	<b>4,757</b>	<b>1,759</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>4,232</b>	<b>5,565</b>	<b>55,412</b>	<b>25,890</b>	<b>8,089</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>124,845</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
Percentages.....	13.7	3.8	1.4	1.6	3.4	4.5	44.4	20.7	6.5	--	100.0	70.6 <sup>3</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> Includes Greek Catholic.      <sup>2</sup> Exclusive of Newfoundland.      <sup>3</sup> 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 granted in Canada were few. There were less than 20 divorces in every year before 1900, 23 in 1903, 51 in 1909 and 60 in 1913. These numbers represent less than one per 1,000 of the yearly number of marriages.

The end of World War I in 1918 saw an increase in the number of divorces. The generally unsettled conditions and the long separation between men on Active Service and their wives may have contributed to this increase. Changes in law and procedure may also have been a further factor—at present, Quebec and Newfoundland are the only provinces in which applicants for divorce must secure a private Act of Parliament. The number of divorces had increased to 114 in 1918; 608 in