

Presbyterians Are Leading Denomination of West

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New Census Bulletin on Religions Shows Roman Catholics Second, But Latter Are First in Dominion—97.6 Per Cent. of Population Profess Adherence to Some Christian Bodies.

ACCORDING to the Religious Census bulletin, which has just been issued by the department of trade and commerce, Ottawa, the Presbyterians are still the leading denomination in western Canada with the Roman Catholics second, the Anglicans third and the Methodists fourth. Almost the same ratio of strength is shown to have prevailed at the time of the 1911 census. For the whole of Canada, however, the figures show that the Roman Catholics stand first with a church population of 3,383,663. The figures for the Dominion reveal the fact that 97.6 per cent. of the people professed allegiance to some Christian denomination, while 1.9 per cent belong to non-Christian bodies, the latter including Jews and Oriental religions. In the whole of Canada only 19,305 failed to specify some religious belief.

The strength of the various denominations in Canada are shown as follows.

Roman Catholic.....	3,383,663
Presbyterian.....	1,408,812
Anglican.....	1,407,959
Methodist.....	1,158,744

The 64 specified religions upon which reports are given are all shown to be well represented in the three prairie provinces. In this connection the strength of the Greek Catholic and the Lutheran churches has been a surprise, both sides having a large following in all the three prairie provinces. The members and adherents of the larger denominations are given as follows:

PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Presbyterian.....	421,234
Roman Catholic.....	349,864
Anglican.....	335,928
Methodist.....	261,121
Lutheran.....	192,035
Greek Catholic.....	139,656

In Manitoba the ratio is very similar. The Roman Catholics are credited with 105,894; Presbyterians, 138,201; Anglicans, 121,309; Methodists, 71,200; Greek church, 56,670; Lutheran, 39,472; Mennonites, 21,295, and Baptists, 13,652.

In Winnipeg the strength of the larger denominations is given as follows:

Anglican, 44,359; Roman Catholics,
24,118; Methodist, 17,683; Jews, 14,
390; Greek church, 9,195; Lutherans,
9,931, and Baptists, 5,092.

Dr. Bryce is Honored At His Old Home Town

On the occasion of his 79th birthday Rev. Dr. George Bryce, of Winnipeg, was presented with an address by the Presbyterian congregation of Mount Pleasant, near Brantford, Ont., his birthplace, last Sunday. Following the morning sermon the pastor, Rev. W. Carpenter, read a memoir to the congregation concerning Dr. Bryce and afterwards he was presented with an address which recalled his great service to the Presbyterian church and to the country in the Canadian west. At the conclusion Dr. Bryce spoke for about 20 minutes in a reminiscent strain, his remarks being followed by the deepest interest by a large congregation.

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