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METHODISM IN THE CENSUS.

The first volume of the Dominion Censu has just been issued. (It is in many respects an interesting and instructive document. In one of its Tables the population of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, is classified according to religion. It strikes us that the readers of the Provincial Wesleyan would like to knew what sort of a shewing Methodism makes in this table. We have, therefore, compiled from it the following statement of facts bearing on that point.

Methodists of all kinds, including sixty called Calvinistic Methodists, in the four Provinces referred to, are registered as 567,098. These are credited to the re-

spective Provinces as	pective Provinces as follows: -		
Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Neva Scotia,	462,264 34,101 29,862 40,871		
In each Province th	nese are divided in th		
fashion following:			
In Ontario— Wesleyan, Episcopal, New Connection, Primitive, Bible Christian, Methodists, British Episcopal, Calvinistic,	286,911 92,198 30 889 24,045 18,225 8,128 1,824		
In Quebec— Wesleyan, Methodist, New Connection, Episcopal, Bible Christian, Primitive, Calvinistic, British Episcopal,	26,737 4,363 1,546 1,274 104 48 15		
In New Brunswick— Wesleyan, Methodists, Bible Christian, Episcopal, Primitive,	26,212 3,439 121 33		
In Nova Scotia— Wesleyan, Methodists, Episcopal, Bible Christian, Primitive, New Connection, Calvinistic,	38,683 1,662 403 94 27 1		

Scotia and New Brunswick in the table from which we gather these facts, makes it almost entirely Wesleyans—that is adherents church to greatly increased doing for propose holding some special services in rents of our own church, and not adherents of a separate Methodist body. Doubtless Primitive, and New Connection Methodist a visit from any Christian minister. They

in the Upper Provinces are absolutely one Jesus. in doctrine, almost identical in discipline, and their differences in regard to ecclesiasand their differences in regard to ecclesiashave been brought to Christ, one of whom, tical polity seems as nothing in the judg-ment of any man capable of taking a broad himself to the ministry of the Word. and comprehensive view of the just objects In Wallace the Lord has been doing is necessitated by the existence of these ous manifestations of the Holy Spirit's pow-Methodist divisions, which in a hundred er to save and sanctify. God is with us. localities cause those to be jealous rivals May he be praised forevermore.

inces. Should this movement prove suc- and children, several of whom are walking be the annual rent and subscription including tries, it cannot be wise for parents and cessful, we may hope that a larger one in fellowship with God. will be rapidly developed, having for its object the consolidation of Canadian Methedism in one magnificent organization.

Methodists are almost entirely grouped to- er and united with the Methodist Church. gether in one denomination. There are a During his life he filled several offices of in a position of independence. few congregations in these Provinces, com- trust with comfort to himself and satisfacposed of colored people, connected with the tion to his brethren. British Episcopal Methodist Church. We belonging to that class of whom the apostle well to the claims of this important and wish them well. We entertertain the kind- writes: "Not slothful in business, fervent fast-rising cause. John C. Berrie. liest feeling toward them. We hope they in spirit, serving the Lord." He had a will prosper. But to us it seems extremely green and very beautiful old age. He was absurd to establish a Methodist Church on no doubt, no tormenting fear was permitted the thin distinctive basis of colour and to disturb the serenity of his last days. He shades of colour. We do not believe in was thrilled and delighted when he found differentiating Christian people by their that the messenger had come to call him other particular colour whatsoever.

The following exhibit shews what propertion the Methodists of the respective Counties of Nova Scotia and New Bruns-

ties respectively:	_	
No	OVA SCOTIA.	
Counties.	Pop.	Meth.
Hants,	21,301	4,548
Kings,	21.510	3,406
Annapolis,	11,433	3,344
Digby,	17,037	1,463
Yarmouth,	18,550	1,041
Shelburne,	12,417	3.418
Queen's,	10.554	2,430
Lunenburg,	23,834	2,971
Halifax,	56.962	4 196
Cumberland,	23.518	7,362
Colchester,	23,331	1,950
Pictou,	82,114	797
Antigonish,	16,512	87
Guysboro',	16,555	2 071
Inverness,	23,415	380
Victoria,	11.346	238
Cape Breton,	26,454	908
Richmond,	14,268	244
NE	w Brunswick	
Counties.	Pop.	Meth.
St. John,	52,120	6,238
Charlotte,	25.882	3,633
King's,	24,593	2,987
Queen's,	13,847	1,483
Sunbury,	6,824	975

	and the same of	
York.	27,140	3,266
Carleton,	19,938	2,614
Victoria,	11,641	436
Restigouche,	5.575	100
Gloucester,	18,810	481
Northumberland,	20,116	910
Kent.	19,101	649
Westmorland,	29,335	3,890
Albort	10.679	2.105

The figures in this article shew with olerable degree of accuracy, the absolute umber of Methodists in the four Dominon Provinces dealt with, and the manner which they are distributed. The relaive numerical position of Methodism in those Provinces will be understood by omparison of the foregoing figures with hose contained in an extract from the St. John, N. B., Daily News, found in another

Circuit Intelligence.

WALLACE CIRCUIT .- Dear Editor,-Some people are proverbial for industry and perseverance. This distinction we covet; but so far as writing for newspapers are conperned, we are nil. Perhaps our silence in a benediction. If we could write in rhythmical numbers or discourse on the phil sophies of thought, or if we could speak silvered words of rhetoric enchanting we have faith that men would stop to loo upon, or read, or hear us; but alas! we belong to the ungloved and homespun typewhat the Germans call, "O er the mountain men," tugging away at heavy loads, often over rough roads, with sometimes merciless drivers. Good for us if we can combine in ourselves the patience and endurance of certain forms of life below us. save their souls, and connect themselves Well we are not asleep, or idly dreaming, we have turned our interest in that business ever long ago to those who can do it se much better, we are doing something." We are trying to fill the old lamps with pure cil, repair the broken ones, and if possible, make some new ones, if perchance we may obtain fresh, clear, beautiful light Now a few items.

Home Missions,-Our people here are deeply interested in this part of our work. Three Home Missionary services have been held on this circuit. We were blessed with good congregations, a deep interest was manifested, and the collections and subscriptions were very encouraging. Bro. Mack was our deputation and rendered

most acceptable service. Our Foreign Mission enterprise .- Here the interest does not abate one jot. A glance at the details referring to Nova meetings in behalf of this interest of the church were seasons of delight and profit. The Brethren Shenton and LeLacheur were at their pest. The former spoke in forceevident to those acquainted with the ful and eloquent words of the many proviground, that the persons returned simply as dential openings in our time for the univer-Methodists in those Provinces, must be sal diffusion of the gospel, whilst the latter, Christ.

Revivals .- At the beginning of this Meththey who are returned in Ontario and Que- odistic year we took on our circuit plan a heading Methodists, belong, some to the The people, about twenty-five families in Wesleyan and some to the Episcopal, means of grace. For years they had not had appealed to us for help. Their nec fills us with amazement that such a state of bath and an occasional week evening serthings should ever have been brought vice. Our labor has been abundantly blesabout. Setting aside the fifty-uine Calvenistic Methodists, who might very well range themselves under the Presbyterian ed, and every unsaved adult member of the detailed by all who heard it. The collections standard, the other Methodist communions community was a penitent at the feet of

Leaths,-The Master is removing some who ought within one and the same organiof our beloved people to Heaven. Just as zation, to be cordial fellow-labourers. It the old year was passing away and the new for the numerous tasteful arrangements probably more than 320,000 Wesleyans of unassuming in manner and comparatively

to the heavenly reward on the fifth of January. From early manhood he had conse-In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, crated himself to the service of the Redeem

> He was a man of industry and economy so calm, so contented, so happy. No cloud,

"City Workers," but the meeting was not it might have been.

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in triumph, when passing through the val-ley and shadow of death; some wanderers souls; the ignorant of salvation, and those Christian, and is well recommen that were out of the way of the ordinary means of grace, have been instructed and led into the way of peace and salvation; and a particular reference to some of these ca-ses by the Missionary, together with the

as at the meeting two years ago-we believe, much better calculated the interests of the society—than even the admirable speeches which were made at the meetings this year and last, BURLINGTON AND KEMPT. - Bro. J. ohnston, writes, March 3rd, 1873 .- "Our labours at Cheverie have been crowned with encouraging success. Within the last nine months I have had the pleasing duty of receiving eleven persons into the Church. The Lord has recently poured out his Spirit upon us, in answer to united prayer, and as

reading of select extracts from his journal

with the people of God. Backsliders who had gone far away have "returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of their Souls," Believers have been greatly strengthered and are earnestly seeking the Christian's higher life.'

NAPPAN - Bro. J. M. Pike writes. Feb. 19th, 1873:-" I have just been on a visit to Shulee and found great spiritual destitution. The settlement is growing. There are at present over forty children in it, of a suitable age to attend school, but as yet there is no provision for their education. earnestly besought them to commence at once and get a house erected; and they all promised to unite in doing so the coming pring. A dwelling house was crowded on Monday and Tuesday Evenings while I

endeavored to point them to Jesus. A Donation visit at Nappan last week resulted in over \$90 towards our financer. LUNENBURG. -Bro. Jos. Gaetz writes, Feb 28, 1873: "Our services are concluded five persons have been received on trial There is a religious awakening all around. towa. Pray for us."

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I. - On Sunday, Feb 9th, 1873, the Church was re-opened bec as "Methodists" under the generic new settlement on Greenville Mountain. Bro. Phinney, of Bedeque, preached two most excellent sermons-morning and all, were utterly destitute of all the ordinary evening—to the great delight of large congregations, whom we are sure were equally instructed and pleased. We shall not soon forget the kindness of our Brother in coming How much to be deplored it is that On- were urgent. We could not refuse them, to our help under personally trying circum-How much to be deplored it is that On-tario and Quebec Methodism is broken up our time and energies to the full. We tario and Quebec Methodism is broken up into so many distinct denominations.

It promised them a visit every fourth Sab. The fall of rain on Saturday morning having alarmed the Brother who was to fill the pulpit for the day, he sent word, which did about. Setting aside the fifty-nine Cal- sed by the Lord of the harvest. My not reach us until late at night. The Hon.

for the day amounted to \$25. The church has been enlarged, and is now sixty feet by thirty, with a small gallery across the end. The whole of wood-work outside and in has been painted; the pew doors removed, and a neat finish placed on the ends of the seats. The communion rail, on a platform extending

around the walls. To the Ladies we are deeply indebted ed in the one sum, put up to auction; the guardians to lose sight of the privileges These. V. 22 and it behoves them "not to year, until the person fail to meet the look forward to largely increased numbers same, then the pew to revert to the Trus- and greater literary success in the term now tees, to be by them again let upon similar passing. erms. By this means we find ourselves

The Circuit now deserves an ordained man, and a first-class preacher; and it is hoped the Conference will next year look

ston, and the Rev. John Read. A collect ed to serve God for life, and then he sat most extravagant profits.

GREAT REVIVAL IN INDIA .- A great made a contract with the Credit Mobilier, Almighty God, without which no exertions in all respects what it should have been,— work of grace has been experienced among the Santhals in connection with Mr. Boerwith themselves, to build the road for their effort. May His name be adored; should have been; and secondly, the infornow) Witness gives a somewhat detailed mation with regard to labors and successes now) without gives a somewhat detailed rangement the past was not so full and definite as account of the work. Two hundred and extra profits, which have been estimated at continued so that the prosperity and happitwenty adults have been baptized. Seven villages have in whole or in part, embraced

number of visits made and of meetings held. Christianity, and the religious interest is a large extent, in the hands of the Hon. will scarcely suffice to properly keep up and intensify the interest which should exist on ers are coming to the missionaries, who are behalf of the work. These visits and these greatly straitened for help. The movement more good than has yet become apparent; themselves. One of the most successful laborers in the work is a woman of about which should have been held by the Union poor disciples have been comforted in the time of affliction; some have been helped in triumph, when passing through the relationship when passing through the relationship with the relationship when passing through the relationship when the rela markable for their power in prayer. Mr. assets o Boerresen, who, with an assistant conducts time became the property of the parties m the fold of Christ have been found, and the work, is not connected with any misfrom the fold of Christ have been found, and the work, is not continued to the Shepherd and Bishop of sionary society, but is a devolit, earnest led back to the Shepherd and Bishop of sionary society, well recommended.

> MOUNT ALLISON EXAMINA-TIONS, &c.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—According to the arrangements of the Academic and Col-Tuesday, February 25th. The Examinayoung ladies and gentlemen in attendance had been recipients of Credit Mobilier upon the various classes proved by the apt- Stock. ness and felicity of their answers that something more than a mere passing enthusias had fired them to effort. Painstaking toil alone and that on the part both of pupil and teacher could have resulted in so generally sful examinations as those which many more have evinced a strong desire to marked the termination of the term just

The Public Exhibition which took place on Tuesday afternoon was marked by carefulness of preparation and consequent correctness of rendering on the part of orators, essayists, and musicians. The following is a programme of the proceedings. PROGRAMME.

Devotional Exercises. Rev. C. Stewart, D.D.) II. Chorus by Singing Class-" Calm or the listening Ear Declamation of Students of Male Academy.

Alphonso and Bernardo. Mr. James Knight.
Death of Wallace. Mr. H. Pope Mellish. Extract from Hiawatha. Mr. Fred Hall. III. Grand Fantasie-La Traviata. Miss

Essays by Young Ladies. Traces of Eden. Miss Lytle King. Changes. Miss Bessie Fowler. IV. -" When we went a gleaning. Miss F. Barnes.

French Dialogue. entlemen - Messrs. Gilbert, Gordon

ton and Prof. D'Anna. Declamation of College Students. Ex. from Macaulay F. Buckley.

A Bashful Man. P. J. P. Neary. A bit of Homely Advice. Geo.

son. Ex. from Robert Hall. F. H. Wright. VI. Vocal Duet-I Pescatori. Misses Hickman and Barnes. Original Poem-The Mighty Dead. Mr. M R. Knight.

Music. Grand Trio. Misses McMurray and Clark, and Prof. D'Anna. Reports, &c. VIII.

Choral-Lucia de Lummermour.

Doxology and Benediction. The delivery of some of the selected of Church government. Even these differences are likely to grow less and less.

What an impense waste of spiritual force. What an immense waste of spiritual force a full salvation. We have had most glori- er very elegant Desk; with a comfort- French Dialogue. Your readers will notice frowned upon by the Almighty and prove er very elegant Desk; with a comtert French Dialogue. Four leaders will be rech platform. The aisles have a somewhat novel feature in the foregoing a curse instead of a blessing. "They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, by three stoves; it is lighted by lamps Knight a member of the College Freshman and into many foolish and hurtful lusts Class. There is in this young gentleman a very evident spittude for poetic composition.

The reports of the various officers in all evil, which while some coveted after, is an outrage upon common sense to suppose that these most unhappy divisions in Fred. David of Fox Harbour, in the full aspose that these most unhappy divisions in surance of a blessed immertality, passed up to the noble Methodist family are destined to to the Home of God. From very early continue long. Happily a movement has days she had been a child of God. She or Strong, is fast progressing towards the many sorrows.

The members in attendance during the term were College 35, Male Academy 59, Christians also are solemnly warned in the term were College 35, Male Academy 54 or a total of 148. begun in favour of union between the was a person of a meek and gentle spirit, perfection. The whole will cost about a We cannot but believe that many more of with the unfruitful works of darkness but thousand dollars, four hundred of which the sons and daughters of the Lower Ontario and Quebec, and the nearly 33,000 undemonstrative in her religious life; but have been paid. The sale of the pews took Provinces should find their way to Sack- "that no man put a stumbling block or an Ontario and Quebec, and the nearly 33,000 undermonstrative in her reingrous into the hope place on Monday, on a plan proposed by she had in the Lord. She leaves a husband Brother R. Strong, that the amount should Education is agitating all classes and countries. At this period when the question of Education is agitating all classes and countries. Again they are told to

J. G. A.

CREDIT MOBILIER.

rangement the parties concerned pocketed tained, in the land. And may His favor be about thirty million dollars.

The management of this scheme was, to Oakes Ames, a member of Congress from Massachusetts. The stock of the Company was so manipulated as to yield the stock-Union Pacific.

As it was obvious that trouble was in store for the Union Pacific, and that would need friends in Congress, an effort was made by Mr. Ames to bribe influential Congressmen by placing stock in their During the late Presidential canplished. vass one Col. McComb, a member of the legiate Kalendar the winter term of the Credit Mobilier, quarrelled with his partunited institutions at Sackville closed on pers about the assignment of the names of some of the shares. He exposed the traud, tions throughout were fairly up to if not and published the names of some of the above the average of former terms. The more prominent members of congress who

> The investigation has disclosed some the corrupt ways by which influential companies secure favourable legislative action. The public mind does not seem shocked by the knowledge of the fact that bribery and corruption extensively prevail in the most important legislative body in the Republic that seems to be considered as a matter of course. What seems most astounding to the nation is the fact that the names of the outgoing, and incoming, Vice-Presidents of the United States, and also the names of other men, hitherto widely distinguished for many excellencies of character, should be more or less involved in the disreputable affairs of Gredit Mobilier.

LOTTERIES, &c.

Miscellaneons.

PROTEST OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK EVAN GELICAL ALLIANCE.

The attention of the Evangelical Alliance having been drawn to a growing evil existing in this community, and one of the objects the Alliance has in view, "being to correct the immoral habits of society," it has been thought advisable to draw up and publish the following protest against the evil in question, which the Alliance trusts may operate in the way of enlightenment and restraint upon the public mind. The evil against which they would re

monstrate is a system of lotteries which has been introduced into the community under the name of "gift enterprises," whereby the law which expressly forbids such of Music. Qui Vive—Grand Galop. Miss Oulton and Prof. D'Anna. that to all intents and purposes these enter prises are nothing but lotteries under a them all the evils attending the vice of gambling. They foster the desire to be rich without labour, and without giving any real equivalent, and in addition to coveto dleness also and unhealthy ambition are encouraged by their instrumentality. If a blank be drawn the issue is disappointment and discontent; if a prize, especially one of considerable amount, the result is most probably still worse, and it is well if it do not lead to the destruction of the drawer's happiness and usefulness in this world and o his eternal welfare in the next.

The Divine blessing may be confidently looked for, under one form or another, by every man who industriously follows his lawful vocation, in the fear of God, but by resorting to unwarranted expedients for getting rich, men tempt Providence and may expect even should they attain their object that their apparent success will be the four Provinces dealt with in 1871.

rather reprove them," Eph. 5. 11, And abstain from all appearance of evil." 1 be ignorant of Satan's devices, of which there can be no doubt the evil in question is one. See 2 Cor. II. 11. So sensible likewise are the Legislatures of the Mother Country and the United

States, as well as that of our own provinces, of the evil tendency of gambling that laws have been framed and penalties enacted for its suppression, so far as the state of society will admit and yet with strange inconsist-An investigation of some of the doings of what is known as Credit Mobilier has recently occupied, to a great extent the at- cally drawn by a thousand artifices; and A KAPIR REVIVAL .- A great work of tention of the United States Congress, and even Christian churches, it is to be regretgrace has been experienced among the Ka- the reading portion of the whole country. ted, have to some extent, at least, inconfirs of South Africa. Rev. Chas. Parula, a The Credit Mobilian of the United States siderately contributed to this unhealthy connative Wesleyau missionary, in the Gra- was copied from the Credit Mobilier of dition of things by their modes of raising hamstown District, thus describes one of of Paris; which was a banking institution, money for charitable purposes, so that his meetings:-"I began my work at the established about the year 1850, in Paris, where a passion for gambling scarcely existcomplexion. In Jesus Christ there is neither White nor Black, nor Red nor Brown, nor Yellow nor Olive, nor any other particular colors are constructed as a series of the prescriptor of this stroke. May they serve their father's God.

R. W. In Jesus Christ there is the has left children that weep on account of this stroke. May they serve their father's God.

R. W. In Jesus Christ there is the construction of railways, ed previously, or, at least, lay dormant, canals, and other large public works. The count of this stroke. May they serve their father's God.

R. W. Credit Mobilier of Paris rendered important aroused and cherished by every possible preachers, or evangelists, and a few men canals, and other large public works. The preachers, or evangelists, and a few men canals, and other large public works. The preachers of the count of this stroke. The count of this stroke. R. W. accompanied me. Preached night and day. services in advancing public interests, by stimulant. Thus by means of these "gift Many heathen were converted, and the guarantees, or by the purchase of shares, or enterprises" persons of all sorts are tempted HALIFAX WESLEYAN CITY MISSIONARY

Chief too, who is a relation of mine. He the assumption of contracts, or by loans, came forward one day, along with the rest, until finally it came to be recognized as a held out to them the allurement of an enor-Society.—The annual public meeting on as a penitent, and found peace with God. dangerous speculating concern, and at mous prize, together with other prizes of Counties of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick bear to the population of these Counties respectively:

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Pop. school-room, of the Brunswick St. Church tian. You must all know this to-day. tance on a most magnificent scale. Besides into sin by those who ought to have set The chair was taken by the President of My phase now is no more a heathen vil- a lean to the Company of Government them a better example, but who by sancthe Society, the Rev. J. A. Rogers; after the opening religious exercises, which were then practices, no more red clay. I have conducted by the Rev. Thomas Angwin, given up heathenism, and my people must grant of more than twelve thousand acres ing ruin upon others. True it is that the the reports of the last year's operations all come to Jesus and follow me. Jesus per mile. So large an undertaking requirement and miserable are accountable before were read by the Secretary, D. Henry Starr, made us. Let us serve him. He is our ed the raising of enormous sums of money. God for their own sin, and the misery con-Esq., and earnest and excellent addresses God. Let us not serve the devil, he is only The money could not be procured without sequent upon it; but others, therefore are not were delivered by the chairman, and W. H. Webb, Esq., the missionary, Mr. Theak-selves in trying to stop me. I have decid-prospect of the holders of stock obtaining ness they loath, or the depravity they conston, and the Rev. John Read. A collection was made on behalf of the society, and the draft of a constitution, which had been prepared by a committee, was presented for the prepared by a committee, was prepared to the prepared by a committee, which had been prepared to the prepared by a committee, was prep the approval of the meeting—and the Doxology having been sung, the Benediction with these new converts we formed the known as the "Fiscal Agency," was purwas pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Small- first Christian Church at that place. The chased for a small sum, and the name may be seen in a truer light that the Allichief gave a nice piece of land for a chapel, changed to "Credit Mobilier of America." ance have ventured to send forth this pro-

about twice the actual cost. By this ar- His Son be honored, and His cause mainness of the community, whose welfare is question, may be prolonged, and that the preparation of all who love the Lord Jesus Christ may be forwarded for that infinitely greater happiness which awaiteth the just

the Kingdom of God. JAMES McMILLAN, President. T. W. DANIEL, Vice Presidents J. PRICHARD, G. M. ARMSTRONG, Cor. Secretary J. E. IRVINE, Rec. Secretary. . B. Botsford. R. Robinson, Committee Wm. Seely. M. Lindsay. Management H. B. White, S. F. Matthews. We, the undersigned, as Ministers of the

Jospel, give our cordial assent to the above Wm. Armstrong, Rector of St. James. Schoffeld, Rector of Simonds. ames J. Hill, Rector of Trinity. I. F. Haensell, Carleton. M. Armstong, Rector of St. Marks.
B. Parnther, Rector of St. Jude's. Frederic Carr, Asst. Min. of St. Mark's. ames Bennet, St. John Pres'btn Church. Henry Pope, Jr., Pastor Germain Street Welleyan Church. Samuel Houston, Calvin Church.

D. D. Currie, Pastor Cent'ny Wes. Church. Howard Sprague, Portland Wes. Church. Henry Daniel, Wesleyan Minister. Robt. Dupcan, Carleton Wesleyan Church. Thos. H. Deinstadt, Exmouth St. Wesleyan

McKay, St. David's Church. Robt. J. Gameron, Minister of St. Church.

McLeod Stavely, Ref'd Presb'tn Church.

E. Bill, Editor Christian, Visitor. M. W. Carey, Germain St. Baptist Chi Jas. Spencer, Seamen's Chaplain.
J. T. Parsons, Pastor of F. C. Baptist Church
Wm. B. Boggs, Portland Baptist Church.

FACTS FROM THE CENSUS; RELI GIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

According the Ceusus Ontario, Quebe New Brunswick and Nova Scotia contained

in 187I a population of 3,485,761. Of these, were registered Cathol es. 1,492,020 Methodists 544,998 Presbyteri Church of England 494.049 Baptists, Lutherans, 239,343 37 935 Congregationalists, Christian Conference, 21,829 15.153 10,146 7,**34**5 6,179 Quakers. 4,896 4,870 Universalists Evangelical Azsociat 2,275 1,886 Unitarians Pagans, 1,115 1,112 Jews, Irvingites, Swedenbor

Greeks, Mahometans

Mermons,

are one in doctrine, save sixty who are lins, P. C. Hill, C. D. Hunter, J. F. L. Calvinistic in creed; and one in polity, Parsons, Rev. J. K. Smith. though broken up into several distinct bodies. The Presbyterians are also divided into several branches, though identical in doctrine and nearly so in polity. The Baptists above enumerated are grouped within several Church organizations, as are also those called Brethren. The great majority of the Methodists are, however, known as Wesleyan Methodists; of the Presbyterians as the United Presbyterian Church, and of the Baptists as Calvinisti

Baptists. It will interest our readers to know he the leading denominations stood in each of

The Catholics numbers	d
In Ontario,	274,162
" Quebec,	1,019,850
" New Brunswick,	96,016
" Nova Scotia,	102,001
The Methodists numbered	
The Methodists numbered In Ostario.	462,264
" Quebec,	34,100
" New Brunswick,	29,862
" Nova Scotia,	40,871
The Presbyterians number	ed
In Ontario,	356,442
" Quebec,	46,165
" New Brunswick,	38,852
" Nova Scotia,	103,539
The Church of England as	mbered
In Ontario,	330,995
" Quebec,	62,449
"New Branswick,	45,481
"Nova Scotia,	55,124
The Baptists numbered	
In Ontario,	86 630
" Quebec,	8,686
"New Brunswick,	70,597
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73.430 " Nova Scotia, BRITISH AMERICAN BOOK AND

The fith annual meeting of the " British American Book and Tract Society" was held in Temperance Hall on Tuesday even ing. Comparatively few persons were

The President, T. A. Brown, Esq., ec enpied the chair. After the opening hymn and prayer he delivered a short introduc ory address. Next to the "living voice the press, were, in these days, the most powerful organs for the religious enlightennent of the people; and such societies as this are among the powerful instruments of bringing souls to Christ." He then went on to show in what manner the money subscribed to aid the work of the Society had been spent. This will appear to our readers, from the following abstract of the Report, which, when the President had concluded his remarks, Mr. McBean proceed-

"The Receipts of the year ending Dec. 31 872, have been, in donations and subscriptions, \$3,327.73; for store sales including \$3, 784.70 for periodicals) \$11.598,35; Colporteu sales, \$15,196,90; other sources, \$172,58. Total resources of the year, 389.67 balance i the Treasury at the beginning of the year, \$30, 605.23. The expenditures have been for pub lications, \$18,458,58; for Colportage, \$6, 378, all other expenses, \$5,295.27, which leaves a balance in the Treasury of \$473,38, and an increase over the receipts of 1871 of

"The sum of \$1.583.94 in donations or sub criptions, collected or pledged during the ear, has been received since the closing of the ccounts December 31. This increases the reit was made evident that the society is doing an important work through its missionary and his fellow-laborers the so-called place."

The men composing the credit mission is the free contributions to \$4,911, and I am glad I am glad to inform you that the plans were, for the most part, the same men who of the evil they deplore, and thereby to produce the information of the enlargement of the constituted the Union Pacific Company. The Union Pacific Company They can only pray that the blessing of \$2,019,91.

"The sum of \$2600 of the above has been contributed to the " Publication Fund." The very liberal sum of \$1100 was given by one triend of the cause for this object. Another gave \$300. A number more gave \$100 each. etc. Had it not been for the great stringency in money the receipts from this source would doubtless have been considerably larger. The same cause with other adverse circumstances. retarded progress in all the departments of the Society's work.

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"The gratuitous circulation of publications mounted to \$2 204.55. Upwards of \$900 worth were given away by the Society's Colporteurs. All families found without the word of God were supplied gratuitously, when unable to purchase, if willing to receive a copy. Of the 30,000 families visited by them, none were left destitute on account of inability to buy; so also, with respect to religious books.

" Many thousands of Tracis have been placed n the hands of seamen through the Shipowners of Yarmouth, the Y. M. C. A. of Halifax and Pictou, and the Society's Colporteur, labonring in the city, who regularly visits all the shipping in the harbour.

"The destitute masses in the city have been supplied through City Missionaries and other Christian labouters. The benevolent and humane institutions have received occasional supplies. Sabbath Schools throughout the land have been liberally aided in procuring Libraries at reduced prices.

"Large numbers of Tracts are distributed in connection with the Society through the Colporteurs and various other channels. But it is exceedingly desirable that this work should be undertaken and prosecuted systematically, in the cities, towns and rural districts. If this were done it would, without doubt prove a great blessing to the Churches, as well as being a means of much good to souls.

" About 40,000 pages of Tracts on systemat ic beneficence have been circulated. The total circulation during the year amounts to \$29. 000, and the circulation of Sabbath School and other cheap Periodicals from the Depository are annually increasing.

The present monthly circulation is upwards of 30,000. Among a population of nearly 1, 000,000 or 200,000 families, in these Lower Provinces, the circulation should be more than fivefold what it is now, the total number of Periodicals circulated during the year is 287,-

"Twenty-nine Colporteurs were employed during the year, the whole or part of their time The aggregate tims of their service is equal to that of one man for fifteen years, two months and twenty-two days. They travelled 25,877 miles, and made 31,247 family visits. They distributed by sale among those families, Bibles and other religious publications to the amount of \$15,50\$.41; and gratuitously to estitute tamilies, &2., \$908.47.

Rev. J. K. Smith, of Fort Massey, moved that the Report be adopted and published and that the following gentlemen be appointed officers for the current year : President-T. A. Brown: Vice Presidents -Rev. G. W. Hill, Rev. John Forrest. Rev. J. E. Goucher, Rev. John Reid; Treasurer, Geo. H. Sterr; Auditors-R. N. Beckwith, Joseph Bell; Directors-J. S. Macclean, Rev. R. Murray, Hon. D. McN. Parker, D. Blackwood, D. Henry Starr, W. Roche, Jr. Denomination they belonged to; 5,146 W. Montgomery, W. B. McNutt, Rev. E. reported themselves as belonging to no re- M. Saunders, Rev. A. Simpson, Edward ligious sect, and 20 were avowed atheis.s. Binney, Jairus Hart, Rev. J. F. Campbell, Those classed generally as Methodists J. B. Morrow, W. H. Wiswell, B. H. Col-

Mr. Smith delivered a short discursive address, in which he viewed and commented upon the past work of the Society, its future prospects, the wide field which still re-mains for labor, and the great and increasing want of men to take an active part in carrying out this " cheap and noble system of evangelization."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Peter lack, who delivered a short address. Addresses were delivered by the Revds. John Campbell and J. Read on the subject of "tract distribution," by the Rev. C. B. Pitblado, on the "Periodical Press," and by the Rev. Canon Cochran on the good influences excited by these and similar societies. The addresses were interspersed with singing, and the meeting was con-cluded with the benediction.—The Citizen.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. GEDDIE.-Rev. John Geddie, D. D., of this Province, the founder of the Presbyterian Mission to the New Hebrides, is now prostrated with paralysis and not likely to recover, neither can be return to his native land. His friends here, desirous of testifying their esteem towards him and their appreciation of his great labors as a missionary, have letermined to raise a fund for a testimonial. A meeting of the leading members of the Presbyterians congregations of this city and Dartmouth was held a few nights ago, at which W. J. Stairs presided, and Rev C. B. Pitblado acted as Secretary. On motion of John S. Maclean, seconded by Hon. Robert Boak, it was resolved that measures be initiated to raise a sum not less than six thousand dollars, to be invested for the benefit of Dr. Geddie and his family. W. J. Stairs, Robert Murray, James Farquhar, J. S. Hutton, A. James and A. K. Mackinlay were appointed a committee to carry out the purpose of the esolution - Ohronicie.

General Intelligence.

Spe ial Despatch to the Reporter and Times. OTTAWA, March 6 .- The following is the full text of the Speech of his Excellency the Governor General, Lord Dufferin, at the open-ing of Parliament this afternoon:

Hon Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons In addressing, for the first time, the Parlia-ment of Canada, I desire to express the satisfaction I feel in resorting to your advice and assistance, as well as my deep sense of my own good fortune in being permitted to associate myself with you in your labors and aspirations for the welfare of the Dominion.

I rejoice to think that my assumption of office hould have taken place at a period when the prospects of the country appear so full of pro-mise: when peace and amity prevail amongst all neighboring nations; and when so many indi-cations are afforded of the success with which Canada herself is consolidating her political unity and developing her material resources. In accordance with the decision of Parliament, and to carry into effect the legislation of last session, I have caused a Charter to be granted to a body of Canadian capitalists for the construction of the Pacific Railway. The company now formed has given assurances that this great work will be vigorously prosecuted and a favorable state of the money market in England affords every hope that satisfactory arrangements may be made for the required capital. The papers and correspondence relating to this subject will be laid before you.

During the past year the surveys for the improvement and extension of our system of Canals, for which appropriations were made and I am glad to inform you that