

(1,473), abound in Charlotte County. Congregationalists (1,370) are few and chiefly in St. John, Charlotte and York. Eventually they must obey the law of gravitation. Adventists (750) have their headquarters in Carleton and York. Unitarians and Universalists (460) are few and uninfluential. They are scattered through all the counties, but have no organizations. Such are the religious forces at work, helping or antagonizing our cause, as the case may be.

THE PRESBYTERIAN POPULATION.

COUNTIES.	No. Presbyterians in 1881.	Their ratio p. c. to the whole population.	Increase of population 1871-81.	Ratio of increase of population.	Probable No. of Presbyterians in 1886 (five years after census).	No. acc. to statistics of Gen. Assm. of 1886 (five to a family).	No. not reported to Gen. Assm., 1886.	Ratio p. c. reported to Gen. Assembly.	Ratio p. c. not reported to Gen. Assembly.
Victoria.....	1,004	6.4	4,045	25.8	1,134	600	534	52.9	47.1
Carleton.....	2,002	8.6	3,427	14.7	2,149	1,250	899	58.1	42.9
York.....	4,392	14.4	3,257	10.7	4,627	2,780	1,847	60.1	39.9
Charlotte.....	3,965	15.2	205	0.8	3,981	1,855	2,126	46.6	53.4
Sunbury.....	180	2.7	173	2.5	178	100	78	56.2	43.8
Queens.....	1,233	8.8	170	1.2	1,240	395	845	31.9	68.1
Kings.....	2,235	8.7	1,024	4.0	2,280	1,200	1,080	52.6	47.4
St. John.....	6,817	12.9	846	1.6	6,871	4,435	2,436	64.4	35.6
Albert.....	366	3.0	1,657	13.4	390	260	130	66.7	33.3
Westmoreland....	2,763	7.3	8,384	22.2	3,070	1,820	1,250	59.3	40.7
Totals.....	24,957	10.2	22,842	9.3	25,920	14,695	11,225	56.7	43.3

An examination of the above table will reveal some interesting and unexpected facts. It will repay study as it has repaid the labor required in its compilation. Ten per cent. of the whole population claim to be Presbyterians. One-sixth are of Scotch descent. The defections from our national faith should be more than supplied by the loyal sons of Ulster. But they are not. There has been a large amount of "leakage." We should have at least 50 per cent. more claiming connection with our Church. These we have lost irrecoverably. Assuming that the number of Presbyterians has increased since 1881 in the same ratio as the whole population, we may conclude that there are now about 25,920, an increase of 4.6 per cent. in five years. Of this only 2,839 families are reported in the statistics to the General Assembly. (We omit Houlton, Mc., and Buctouche, Kent Co.,