

CHAPTER VI.

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RELIGIONS.

There is no state church in New Brunswick; all religions stand upon the same footing and enjoy the same rights. New Brunswick abounds in churches, there being about a thousand places of worship in the province. The Roman Catholics number about one-third of the inhabitants of New Brunswick. The adherents of this church are most numerous in the northern counties such as Gloucester, Kent, Northumberland, Restigouche and Westmorland, where there is a large French population. About three-quarters of the Roman Catholics of New Brunswick live in these counties. In the counties through which the St. John river flows, with the exception of St. John and Madawaska, there are but few Roman Catholics, and in the county of Charlotte they do not form more than one-eighth of the population.

Next to the Roman Catholics in numbers, are the Baptists, of whom there are upwards of 80,000 in the province, two-thirds of them being Calvinistic Baptists; the Freewill Baptists number somewhat less than half as many as the Calvinistic Baptists.

The adherents of the Church of England and the Presbyterians are almost equal in point of numbers