

# different Denominations in Upper Canada.

QUESTIONS.	Names of Witnesses Examined.	ANSWERS.
<p>You are a member of the Legislative and Executive Councils, and Archdeacon of York.</p> <p>How many years have you resided in this Province.</p> <p>Do you know how many communicants of the Church of England, there were at that time in the Province?</p> <p>At what period did you first know the number of communicants of that Church?</p> <p>How many clergymen were there of the Church of England when you took orders?</p> <p>When was that?</p> <p>I think you mention in the chart, at the date of it (May 1827) there were thirty clergymen of that church in the Province.</p> <p>In the chart, the committee find that occasional service is mentioned, they would be glad to know what is meant by the term occasional.</p> <p>What are the emoluments of the clergymen of the church of England, in this province?</p> <p>This then is exclusive of perquisites for marriages and other services?</p> <p>Are their fees for marriage regulated by any rule?</p> <p>Do the Missionaries derive any benefit from the clergy reserves?</p> <p>The committee perceive that there is an income of about £400 nett from the clergy reserves—is it paid, or any part of it, to the clergy in any way?</p> <p>Do you know what the Sheriff's fees, on collecting it, are?</p> <p>Do you know what the fee on the lease is?</p> <p>This is paid by the lessee, and not deducted from the rent?</p> <p>What then consumes so large a portion of the rent as £800 out of £1200, as stated in your letter?</p> <p>How many communicants were there in your church at York, when you took charge of it?</p> <p>In what year was that?</p> <p>How many are there now?</p> <p>What is the number in your estimation of the regular attendants of your church?</p> <p>Who were those persons who made the enquiry?</p> <p>Can you state the number of communicants in your church, in 1825, and the number of your regular hearers at that time?</p> <p>How often is the administration of the Lord's supper in your church in the year?</p> <p>The committee perceive the following assertion in your letter to Mr. Horton, "The people are coming forward in all directions, offering to assist in building churches, and soliciting with the greatest anxiety, the establishment of a settled minister," can you mention any facts upon which that assertion is founded?</p> <p>Are not the members of the church of England, in the province, in proportion to their numbers, as well able to bear the expense of supporting the preaching of the gospel &amp;c, as those of other denominations?</p> <p>Does that include the building of churches?</p> <p>Do you know the number of the members of the church of England in the province?</p> <p>By the expression "favourable to our church" do you mean members of the church?</p> <p>There is the following passage in your letter. "The teachers of the different denominations, with the exception of the two ministers of the church of Scotland, four congregationalists, and a respectable English missionary, who presides at a Wesleyan Methodist meeting at Kingston, are for the most part from the United States, where they gather their knowledge and form their sentiments." Is that intended to apply to any particular church?</p> <p>In what respect are the Methodist preachers subject to the orders of the conference of the United States?</p>	<p>The Honorable and Venerable Archdeacon Strachan.</p>	<p>I am</p> <p>Since 1799.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>I never knew the number, except in my own church.</p> <p>I believe five—Mr. Addison, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Laughorn, Mr. (now Dr.) Stuart, and Mr. Rudd.</p> <p>In 1803.</p> <p>I do.</p> <p>Regular service, is when there is a fixed period, seldom exceeding a fortnight, for service occasional, is when there is no fixed time, but the missionary goes as may be convenient; usually giving warning beforehand.</p> <p>Till 1815 the salary of a missionary was £150 sterling, per annum, paid chiefly by the society for the propagation of the gospel in Foreign parts, established in London.—Since 1815, it has been, to a missionary in Priest's orders £200. To a Deacon £100 sterling, paid from the charitable funds of the same society.</p> <p>There is no other service than marrying, for which any fee is charged or received, except for baptism, one shilling generally for registration.</p> <p>Yes, they generally ask 10s. I believe that is an universal practice, and that the late Lord Bishop of Quebec acquiesced in it.</p> <p>Nothing—none of the present clergy have ever derived any thing from the reserves. It is not in contemplation to raise their income from that source, so far as I know; but on the contrary to increase their number. Should that fund ever become available</p> <p>Not at all! It is paid into the King's Receiver, the Receiver General. The clergy corporation have nothing at all to do with the income.</p> <p>I do not, but I presume the same as on other business.</p> <p>A small fee, about nine dollars perhaps—I cannot say exactly. It is merely the fee for making out the lease, which passes in the usual way—All that the corporation do, is to recommend it.</p> <p>It is—It used to be deducted from his rent many years ago; but it was altered.</p> <p>In the first place, there has been a difficulty in its collection, and the means of enforcing payment.—2ndly. The reserves are scattered over a territory of nearly 30,000 square miles.—3rdly. The number leased, are comparatively few.—4thly. The whole amount in many cases is not sufficient to pay the Sheriff his mileage in going to collect it.—5thly. The leases are at a very low rate.—6thly. The expenses of collection are paid out of the proceeds, and are never levied on the lessees</p> <p>About 35 at each time, but double that number belonged to the congregation.</p> <p>1812.</p> <p>Upwards of 160; but I would wish to accompany this observation with the remark, that the number of communicants is no criterion of the number of the members of our church.</p> <p>There are in York 332 families, of which 162, containing 978 souls, rather more than half the population attend our church.</p> <p>I directed two persons to make enquiry upon this subject—and the foregoing is the result of their enquiry which they will, no doubt, authenticate when called upon.—This account does not include the families in the vicinity of which 66 attends the church regularly</p> <p>The clerk and sexton of my church.</p> <p>Not exactly—they have been increasing gradually.</p> <p>Four or five times.</p> <p>It would be tedious to enumerate and impossible for me to carry in my mind all the instances upon which that statement was made; but I have had many applications recently from different parts of this district.</p> <p>They probably are; but they have never been called upon. The funds of the society in England have furnished the means hitherto.</p> <p>The people frequently subscribe toward that object; but in that they have likewise, in most places, been assisted by aid from England, collected by subscription.</p> <p>I only know in those cases which have been communicated to me, from which it appears that from one half to two-thirds of all the people in those places, are favorable to our church—and I believe it is so throughout the province, except in the Eastern district.</p> <p>I would not say members; but I mean preferring our service, when opportunities offer, to all others.</p> <p>The following part of the paragraph shows that it was intended to apply to the Methodist Episcopal church.</p> <p>Since my return I have been informed that there are now only 8 of their preachers from the United States. I believed at the time, and, with little alteration, I still believe, that the statement is accurate.</p> <p>I do not know. I only know that they are subject—it is a part of their church government.</p>