

ploughing against the spring thaw (which comes in April), markets his grain, and enjoys a little well-earned leisure. In April it is spring, the alders and willows in the valleys are in bloom, and the seeding must be done as soon as the sun has softened the surface of the soil. Almost before the farmer has completed his preparations it is again summer, and soon the hum of the grain thresher is heard in the land.

DRY ATMOSPHERE.

During the winter warm woolen clothing is necessary. Because of the dryness of the inland climate the cold is much less noticeable than a stranger might expect. Less snow falls on the

prairies than in the East, and on account of the dryness of the air, it brushes off one's coat like dust.

Everywhere the appearance of snow is hailed as seasonal and beneficial. Sleighing parties of pleasure are arranged for the period of full moon, and the sound of the



sleigh bells is a merry one. The snow protects the autumn-sown wheat from the frost, aids the lumberman in drawing his timber from the forest, and also the farmer in hauling his produce to market, and so contributes alike to business and to pleasure.

The climate and soil of Canada are such that the country produces a great variety of grains and fruits.

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Agriculture in Canada.

In Canada, while manufactures are very important, agriculture gives employment to a larger number of people than any other industry. In the early years of Canada's history, farming was carried on only in the southeastern portion of British North America—Ontario, Quebec, and what are now the Maritime Provinces. Gradually, however, the country farther west and northwest was opened up by roads and railways, the forests were cut away, and the agricultural area was widely extended. A few years ago (1885), when the Canadian Pacific Railway was completed, practically the whole of the northwestern portion of the Dominion was thrown open to settlement. No fewer than 32,682 homesteads have been taken up in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories during the year 1903.



RELIGIONS OF THE PEOPLE — By Provinces.

Denomination	Canada		Ontario		Quebec		Nova Scotia		New Brunswick		P. E. Island		Manitoba		Brit. Columbia		Territories	
	1901	1891	1901	1891	1901	1891	1901	1891	1901	1891	1901	1891	1901	1891	1901	1891	1901	1891
Roman Catholics	2,226,000	1,699,017	390,204	328,200	1,429,260	1,291,709	129,578	122,452	125,698	115,961	48,706	47,837	35,072	30,771	32,629	30,843	30,633	14,344
Church of England	680,820	646,107	367,267	385,960	81,503	75,472	66,107	64,410	41,767	43,090	5,976	6,646	44,922	30,932	40,689	23,619	31,687	15,966
Presbyterians	842,242	755,326	477,286	453,147	58,013	52,673	106,281	108,952	39,496	46,339	30,720	33,472	65,248	39,001	34,081	15,284	30,887	12,558
Methodists	916,886	847,765	696,388	654,033	42,014	39,444	57,490	54,195	35,973	38,574	13,402	13,596	49,939	28,437	25,047	14,298	26,536	8,158
Baptists	316,877	302,265	116,320	104,838	8,480	7,981	83,108	83,108	30,873	29,634	5,905	6,261	9,166	16,107	6,200	3,090	5,999	1,546
Tunkers	1,274	1,069	1,309	1,129	3	8	14	14	15	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brethren	8,014	11,037	9,343	587	1,129	142	242	242	4	234	.....	.....	467	389	164	106	234	134
Lutherans	92,524	48,052	45,029	1,642	1,385	6,572	5,882	196	376	8	10,542	6,545	5,335	2,983	14,177	2,678	2,733	203
Congregationalists	28,293	28,157	15,289	16,879	5,173	4,296	2,938	3,112	1,040	1,036	3	11	1,884	1,815	1,198	775	768	233
Disciples	12,763	10,154	9,106	17	20	1,412	1,728	1,637	1,013	810	531	470	261	59	62	301	52	32
Adventists	6,058	6,354	1,226	447	3,079	3,364	1,494	1,651	1,124	715	12	10	22	519	32	254	109	352
Unitarians	1,934	1,777	735	776	561	554	55	115	145	147	12	10	221	74	133	79	72	22
Protestants	11,612	12,253	2,860	2,938	5,211	2,342	335	47	104	22	21	9	646	1,874	844	286	1,051	4735
Salvation Army	10,208	13,949	6,479	10,320	292	297	1,377	606	993	116	180	745	399	570	298	249	85	34
Quakers	4,000	3,648	4,550	59	38	28	41	5	17	1	8	124	134	130	38	105	34	105
Jews	15,011	6,414	5,221	2,601	7,498	5,013	437	31	376	73	17	1	1,497	733	554	277	701	85
Others not specified	187,618	126,397	62,993	55,106	5,446	5,018	2,113	3,039	2,075	1,798	432	887	27,050	5,277	29,414	16,838	38,095	38,314

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