

Ecclesiastical Province	Diocese.	No. of Clergy.	Population.
1. Prov. of Canada—	1. Quebec	64	740,000
	2. Montreal	100	620,000
	3. Ontario	128	446,000
	4. Toronto	156	459,000
	5. Niagara	70	200,000
	6. Huron	136	800,000
	7. Algoma	26	85,000
	8. Nova Scotia (including P. E. Is.,	107	549,000
	9. Fredericton, N.B.	79	322,000
		866	4,221,000
2. Prov. of Rupert's Land	1. Rupert's Land..	57	125,000
	2. Manitoba	7	10,000
	3. Alberta	5	6,000
	4. Saskatchewan and Calgary..	24	40,000
	5. Qu'Appelle	19	22,000
	6. Mackenzie River	6	7,000
		118	210,000
3. Independent... —	1. British Columbia	15	
	2. Caledonia	7	
	3. New Westminster	16	
		38	150,000
4. Newfoundland and Bermuda.		63	208,000
	Total.....	1,085	4,789,000

The simplest and most workable method of union would be to amalgamate all the Dioceses of British North America into one Province till such time, at least, as the Church in the country becomes more strong.

The advantages of having only one Province would be:—

1. That legislation on all important matters relating to Canon Law, etc., would be uniform throughout the Dominion.
2. Missions and institutions of general use to the Church, such as Industrial Schools for Indians, Colleges, etc., would be regarded as works in which the whole Church should take an interest, and thus the richer Dioceses and districts would help the poorer as part of one organization.
3. Moreover, too much organization is as bad as too little; and there does not seem any real need for more than one Synod over the Diocesan Synod. This would be quite sufficient for legislation on matters that are too important to be left to each Diocese, and for appeals in the case of discipline.

As, however, this plan would be certain to meet with very considerable opposition, involving, as it would, the obliteration of one Province already formed, the following recommendation is presented as an alternative scheme,—

That the Church in British North America should be formed into four Provinces:—


1. Quebec and Maritime Provinces, including Diocese of Newfoundland.
2. Ontario—coterminous with civil Province.
3. Rupert's Land, as at present constituted—Manitoba and Northwest Territories.
4. British Columbia.

The effect of this division would be as follows with regard to number of dioceses, population and clergy in each Province:

QUEBEC AND MARITIME PROVINCES (5 DIOCESES.)		
Dioceses.	Population.	Clergy
1. Quebec.....	740,000	64
2. Montreal	620,000	100
3. Nova Scotia.....	549,000	107
4. Fredericton	322,000	79
5. Newfoundland	208,000	63
Total.....	2,439,000	413
ONTARIO PROVINCE (5 DIOCESES).		
1. Ontario.....	446,000	128
2. Toronto.....	459,000	156
3. Niagara.....	200,000	70
4. Huron.....	800,000	136
5. Algoma.....	85,000	26
Total.....	1,990,000	516
3. Rupert's Land Prov. (6 Dioceses)	210,000	118
4. B'h. Columbia Prov. (3 Dioceses)	150,000	38
	4,789,000	1,085

This division retains the principle of the civil divisions as far as practicable under present circumstances, and allows of easy further divisions on the same principle when the Church in the country is more developed.

A NIGHT MISSIONARY AMONG THIEVES.

 HE story of an adventure among New York thieves is told in Dr. Gordon's *Watchword* by Mr. H. B. Gibbud, the devoted missionary who for many years spent his nights in going about the streets of New York, rescuing the friendless and fallen. He says that one night, or, rather, in the small hours of the morning, he was in Pell street, the Chinese quarter, and also the headquarters of the dreaded Whyo gang of toughs. It is only one block long, and runs from the Bowery to Mott Street. On one side of the street are a number of tumble-down tenements inhabited by a colony of Chinese, who run gambling dens and "opium joints." On the other side there are a number of stables, and several cheap lodging-houses, where, for seven cents one can find shelter and a place in which to lie down. Half-way down the block a dark lane, with the local name of "Shin-bone Alley," runs around into the "Bowery."

He spoke to a poor, ragged boy, who was trying to get asleep on an ash-box. As he was trying to say a word for the Master, a rough voice from a wagon, which was left without its horses by the sidewalk for the night, summoned the boy by the name of "Dutchy." "It's de gang," Dutchy explained, by way of excusing himself, as he promptly responded to the call by running to the wagon. Mr. Gibbud heard the voices of the several men inside the vehicle. "Listening closely," he says, "I learned from several allusions that they were planning to rob me. I now