

The Norwegian is a nationalist. His country is very precious to him but he is not afraid to launch into new ways of thinking and acting, of which we find very good illustrations in Ibsen and Bjornson. If he has one fault more than another, it is a tendency to take life too seriously, banish humor and mirth, and allow himself to be engrossed with problems. The State Church is Lutheran. About 3 per cent. of the population are dissenters. Jesuits are not allowed to live in or preach in the country. Almost the whole system of primary education is under the control of the Church, which has always taken a leading part in educational work.

NORWEGIANS IN CANADA.

The call to western lands has sounded in the ears of many Norwegians during the past forty or fifty years. At the present time, it is estimated that over 350,000 are residents of other countries than their own. About 19,000 have come to Canada during the past 14 years. Not many Norwegians emigrated direct to Canada. A large majority went to the United States first of all, and those who are residing in the Western Provinces particularly, have been Americanized before coming to us. This is not altogether gain, even as regards the second generation. Too many changes in the political and social atmosphere have a very unsettling effect upon characters which ab-