Before the European colonization, Aboriginal religions were largely animistic or shamanistic, including an intense tribal reverence for spirits and nature. The French colonization beginning in the 16th century established a Roman Catholic francophone population in New France, especially Acadia (later Lower Canada, now Nova Scotia and Quebec). British colonization brought waves of Anglicans and other Protestants to Upper Canada, now Ontario.

small extent to the tribes in the far north and western

Year	Provision	Religion Percent			Population
		Muslim	Christian	Jewish	
2001	Newfoundland	15%	35%	2%	196.966
	Nova Scotia	22%	14%	6%	390.328
2002	Newfoundland	17%	37%	5%	234.128
	Nova Scotia	21%	12%	8%	401.523

coasts, particularly hyperborean nomadics like the Inuit; Orthodoxy would arrive on the mainland with