

254. Distributed by educational status :—

Canada has blind who can read and write.	752
“ “ neither read nor write.	2,464
“ “ read but cannot write.	152

255. The occupations followed by the blind are divided into two groups—the non-productive and the productive. The first includes children, females in households, retired, no occupation given, members of religious orders, paupers, students, and number 2,492. The productive class includes 876.

Of the 876 there were :—

Employed in agriculture, fishing and mining	533
“ professional services	53
“ domestic and personal services	98
“ trade and transportation	72
“ mechanical pursuits	120

256. Number of defectives per 10,000 of the population for the provinces and years given :—

Provinces.	1891.	1871.
<i>Insane.</i>		
Ontario	27·7	25·2
Quebec	30·6	27·7
Nova Scotia	30·4	32·3
New Brunswick	27·5	27·6
<i>Blind.</i>		
Ontario	5·8	6·2
Quebec	8·2	9·0
Nova Scotia	9·0	8·4
New Brunswick	8·0	7·6
<i>Deaf and Dumb.</i>		
Ontario	7·6	8·7
Quebec	14·2	13·7
Nova Scotia	10·9	11·3
New Brunswick	12·4	10·7

257. The total number of dwellings in Canada in 1891 was 931,768, of which 920,963 were of wood, brick or stone, 250 of sod (all in the North-west Territories), and 10,555 were shanties. Of the 931,768 houses, 855,535 were inhabited, 54,182 were empty, and 10,878 were under construction.