

The school annals of the Province of Quebec are highly interesting. The first attempt to give instruction was made by the Recollets in 1616. In 1632 the Jesuits opened schools for the Indians. In 1637 a college was started in Quebec City. In 1639 the Ursuline Convent was founded—the first girls' school in Canada. In 1663 Mgr. Laval, Bishop of Quebec, established a seminary that became Laval University. In 1801 the Legislature passed an Act to establish free schools. In 1829 the Legislature passed an Act for the encouragement of elementary education.

The following table gives the number of educational institutions of all grades in the province :—

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN QUEBEC, 1893-94.

INSTITUTIONS.	Under Control of Municipalities.	Independent.	Elementary.	Superior.	Totals.
<i>Roman Catholic Schools.</i>					
Elementary schools.....	4,026	100	4,126	.....	4,126
Model schools.....	363	214	.....	454	454
Academies.....				123	123
Normal schools.....		2	.....	2	2
Classical colleges.....		17	.....	17	17
Universities.....		2	.....	2	2
Schools for deaf-mutes and the blind.....		3	.....	3	3
Total.....	4,389	338	4,126	601	4,727
<i>Protestant Schools.</i>					
Elementary schools.....	872	6	878	.....	878
Model schools.....	47	.....	.....	47	47
Academies.....	20	.....	.....	20	20
Normal school.....		1	.....	1	1
Colleges affiliated to universities.....		6	.....	6	6
Universities.....		2	.....	2	2
Schools for deaf-mutes and the blind.....		1	.....	1	1
Total.....	939	16	878	77	955
Schools of arts and manufactures.....		9	.....	.....	9
Schools of agriculture and dairy schools.....		6	.....	.....	6
Grand total of schools.....	5,328	369	5,004	678	5,697

There has been an increase of 57 in the number of educational institutions of the province during the year.