

various Roman Catholic religious bodies and institutions are largely interested in such matters.

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, 1894-95.

INSTITUTIONS.	Under Control of Municipalities.	Independent.	Elementary.	Superior.	Totals.
<i>Roman Catholic Schools.</i>					
Elementary schools .....	4,164	95	4,259		4,259
Model schools .....	} 357	} 239		465	465
Academies .....				131	131
Norman schools .....		2		2	2
Classical colleges .....		17		17	17
Universities .....		2		2	2
Schools for deaf-mutes and the blind .....		3		3	3
Total .....	4,521	358	4,259	620	4,879
<i>Protestant Schools.</i>					
Elementary schools .....	926	11	937		937
Model schools .....	68			68	68
Academies .....	26			26	26
Normal school .....		1		1	1
Colleges affiliated to universities .....		6		6	6
Universities .....		2		2	2
School for deaf-mutes and the blind .....		1		1	1
Total .....	1,020	21	937	104	1,041
Schools of arts and manufactures .....		9			9
Schools of agriculture and dairy schools .....		6			6
Grand total of schools .....	5,541	394	5,196	724	5,935

There has been an increase of 238 in the number of educational institutions of the province during the year.