

18.—Child Labour Laws of Canada

Regulations respecting	Prince Edward Island.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	Quebec.	Ontario.
Compulsory school attendance.	From 7 to 13 years for 30 weeks if residing in Charlottetown or Summerside, otherwise 20 weeks.	From 6 to 16 years in cities and towns, except for child over 12 years, who has passed Grade VII, or any child over 13 years who has been granted an employment certificate by Board of School Commissioners. In sections other than cities and towns school age is 7 to 14 years, but these limits may be extended to urban limits by vote.	From 6 to 16 in certain urban districts; exceptions provide that any child over 12 years, who has passed Grade VII, and any other over 13 years who has attended 60 days out of 120 for 14 consecutive weeks in the preceding year, may work if necessity requires. Elsewhere children must attend school from 7 to 12 years for 60 p.c. of teaching days.	Has no compulsory school attendance law.	From 8 to 14 years, exemption may be granted for 6 weeks only in each term by attendance officer, on proof that child's services are required in urgent or necessary household duties or for maintenance of himself or dependant. Children between 14 and 16 years generally must attend full time classes; those whom necessity compels to work may not be employed without a work permit, and must attend part-time classes for 400 hours a year.
Education-requirements for children entering employment.	—	Boys under 16 working in mines must produce school certificate. Any child over 13 years who satisfies school commissioners that it is necessary for him to work, may be granted an employment certificate to be absent from school while engaged in remunerative employment.	The employment of any child under 16 years in cities and towns is prohibited during school hours unless the child holds a school certificate with standing equal to Grade VII.	Children under 16 must be able to write and read fluently before being employed; if children without this qualification attend night school regularly they may be authorized to follow or continue their occupation.	Children under 14 employed in shops during school hours must possess school certificates. Those between 14 and 16 years of age employed between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. must have home permit or employment certificate, and must attend, when possible, part-time classes for at least 400 hours a year.
Physical examination of children entering employment.	—	Any child over 13 years, who satisfies the School Commissioners that it is necessary for him to work, must obtain from a competent physician a certificate of physical fitness for the employment he is entering, in addition to obtaining an employment certificate.	—	May be required for boys and girls under 14 years employed in industrial establishments.	—