45.—School Attendance of the Population 7 to 14 Years of Age, by Provinces, 1911 and 1921.

Provinces.	Total.	At school for any period.		Not at school.		At school by months.					
						1-3.		4-6.		7-9.	
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
P. E. Island...1921	15,169	13,357	88·05	1,812	11·95	812	5·35	1,985	13·09	10,560	69·61
1911	16,616	14,057	84·60	2,559	15·40	563	3·39	2,211	13·31	11,283	67·90
Nova Scotia...1921	92,944	81,139	87·39	11,805	12·61	2,778	2·99	7,550	8·13	70,811	76·27
1911	84,367	69,903	82·86	14,464	17·14	2,679	3·18	9,974	11·82	57,250	67·86
New Brunswick...1921	71,481	59,518	83·26	11,963	16·74	3,329	4·66	8,753	12·24	47,436	66·36
1911	62,588	50,100	80·05	12,488	19·95	1,965	3·14	7,928	12·67	40,207	64·24
Quebec.......1921	455,919	394,587	86·55	61,332	13·45	7,006	1·54	14,934	3·28	372,647	81·73
1911	372,551	301,482	80·92	71,069	19·08	3,975	1·07	12,831	3·44	284,676	76·45
Ontario.......1921	456,757	417,846	91·48	38,911	8·52	7,172	1·57	17,999	3·94	392,675	85·97
1911	377,704	318,042	84·20	59,662	15·80	7,415	1·96	29,810	7·89	280,817	74·35
Manitoba......1921	112,607	100,692	89·42	11,915	10·58	3,054	2·71	7,745	6·88	89,893	79·83
1911	72,552	53,956	74·37	18,596	25·63	2,013	2·77	7,420	10·23	44,523	61·37
Saskatchewan.1921	142,042	124,929	87·95	17,113	12·05	7,466	5·26	23,182	16·32	94,281	66·37
1911	72,426	48,316	66·71	24,110	33·29	2,538	3·51	14,082	19·44	31,696	43·76
Alberta.......1921	102,605	90,943	88·63	11,662	11·37	5,296	5·16	12,520	12·20	73,127	71·27
1911	54,928	34,527	62·86	20,401	37·14	2,330	4·24	7,616	13·87	24,581	44·75
British Columbia...1921	77,424	69,700	90·02	7,724	9·98	968	1·25	3,207	4·14	65,525	84·63
1911	42,538	32,046	75·33	10,492	24·67	817	1·92	2,580	6·06	28,649	67·35
Total[1]........1921	1,526,948	1,352,711	88·59	174,237	11·41	37,881	2·48	97,875	6·41	1,216,955	79·70
1911	1,156,270	922,429	79·78	233,841	20·22	24,295	2·10	94,452	8·17	803,682	69·51

[1]Exclusive of Yukon and Northwest Territories.

In comparing the two years it should be noticed that the figures in the 1911 census refer to the calendar year 1910, while those in the 1921 census refer to the nine months immediately preceding June 1, 1921. It is particularly necessary to remember this when comparing the number and proportions attending from 7 to 9 months. The difference, however, is not so great as it might seem from the fact that one census referred apparently to twelve months, while the other referred to nine. Out of the twelve months would have to be deducted the vacation periods of about two months, although during these vacations summer schools (which were in existence in 1911 to a greater extent than in 1921) were in operation. The advantage which the net ten-month period of 1911 had over the nine-month period of 1921 in enabling a larger proportion of children to be present more than 7 months was perhaps neutralized by the fact that there would be a large influx of very young children just beginning school after the first of June. These children attending only one month before the end of the school year would tend to lower the proportion attending the full period. This point partly explains the fact that the census figures are lower than the figures of Departments of Education.

The points of chief interest are:—(1) the proportion of the population 7 to 14 years of age inclusive (the compulsory school ages for many of the provinces) at school in 1911 and 1921; (2) the proportion at the same age at school from 7 to 9 months; and (3) the regularity of attendance of those actually at school as shown by the proportion of those at school attending 7 to 9 months as follows:—

	1911.	1921.
Percentage of the population 7 to 14 years attending school for any period	79·8	88·6
Percentage of population 7-14 attending 7-9 months	69·5	79·7
Percentage of those at school (7-14 years) attending 7-9 months	87·2	90·0

Table 46 shows the number and proportion of the population 7 to 14 years in each province, exclusive of Indians, who attended school for any period, and of those who attended for a full term. As stated elsewhere, 89·10 p.c. of the 1,508,846