

General elementary and secondary education throughout the Dominion, in so far as it is publicly controlled, is carried on, except in Quebec, in free schools supported by general taxation. These schools may be divided into 12 grades, 8 of which are normally considered to be elementary and 4 secondary, these 12 grades each taking the average pupil one school year to complete, so that an average pupil, entering school at 6 years of age, would finish his secondary school course at 18.

An historical summary of the enrolment and average attendance in the elementary schools of Canada from 1824 to 1924 is given by provinces in Table 3. The totals of pupils enrolled in all provinces in the years 1867, 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 are approximations based in certain cases upon provincial statistics for the nearest available years.

3.—Historical Summary of Enrolment and Average Attendance in Schools in Canada, by Provinces, 1824-1924.

Years.	Total Number Enrolled—1824-1924.									
	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ontario. ⁴	Manitoba	Sask.	Alberta.	B.C.	Canada.
1811....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1824....	-	5,514	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1829....	-	12,000	-	18,410	-	-	-	-	-	-
1835....	-	15,292	-	37,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
1845....	-	-	15,924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1846....	-	33,960	-	60,000 ²	-	-	-	-	-	-
1850....	-	-	-	-	151,891 ²	-	-	-	-	-
1852....	2	-	-	-	179,857	-	-	-	-	-
1861....	-	33,652	27,982	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1864....	-	35,405 ²	30,632	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1866....	-	50,574	30,263	-	-	-	-	-	401	-
1867....	-	65,869	31,364	-	403,339	-	-	-	-	718,000
1868....	-	68,612	31,988	205,530	-	-	-	-	-	-
1871....	-	75,995	33,981 ²	-	-	817	-	-	-	803,000
1872....	-	73,638	39,837	-	462,630	-	-	-	514 ²	-
1873....	-	74,297	42,611	216,992	-	-	-	-	1,028	-
1876....	-	79,813	64,689	-	499,078	2,734	-	-	1,685	-
1881....	21,501	78,828	65,631	227,935	489,404	4,919 ²	-	-	2,571	891,000
1886....	22,414	85,714	68,367	-	502,840	15,926	2,553	-	4,471	-
1891....	22,330	83,548	68,992	265,513	-	23,871	5,652	-	9,260	995,000
1892....	22,169	85,077	68,909	268,535	508,507	23,243	6,170	-	10,773	-
1894....	22,221	98,701	69,648	274,915	506,726	32,680	10,721	-	12,613	-
1895....	22,250	100,555	68,761	286,180	509,213	35,371	11,972	-	13,482	-
1896....	22,138	101,032	68,297	293,584	506,515	37,987	12,796	-	14,460	-
1901....	20,779	98,410	66,689	314,881	492,534	51,888	-	-	23,615	1,083,000
1903....	19,956	98,768	65,951	326,183	487,880	57,409	33,191	-	24,499	1,113,837
1904....	19,031	96,886	65,278	329,666	484,351	58,574	41,033	-	25,787	1,120,606
1905....	19,272	100,252	66,897	335,768	487,635	63,287	25,191	24,254	27,354	1,149,909
1906....	18,986	100,332	66,635	341,808	492,544	64,123	31,275	28,784	28,522	1,173,009
1907....	19,036	100,007	66,422	347,614	493,791	67,144	37,622	34,338	30,039	1,196,013
1908....	18,012	100,105	66,383	352,944	501,641	71,031	47,086	39,653	33,223	1,230,169
1909....	18,073	101,680	67,735	367,012	507,219	73,044	55,116	46,048	36,227	1,272,204
1910....	17,932	102,035	68,154	374,547	510,700	76,247	65,392	55,307	39,670	1,310,117
1911....	17,397	102,910	68,951	389,123	518,605	80,848	72,260	61,660	49,451	1,356,879
1913....	17,555	105,269	69,663	411,784	542,822	83,679	101,463	79,909	57,384	1,469,752
1914....	19,069	106,351	70,622	435,895	561,927	93,954	113,985	89,910	61,957	1,552,976
1915....	18,402	107,768	72,013	448,087	569,030	100,963	122,862	97,286	64,264	1,601,035
1916....	18,362	109,189	73,007	464,447	560,340	103,796	129,439	99,201	64,570	1,622,351
1917....	18,190	109,032	71,981	463,390	561,865	106,588	142,617	107,727	65,118	1,646,508
1918....	17,861	108,097	71,782	467,508	564,655	109,925	151,376	111,109	67,516	1,669,776
1919....	17,537	106,982	71,029	486,201	584,724	114,662	164,219	121,567	72,006	1,738,977
1920....	17,354	108,096	72,988	495,887	604,923	123,452	174,925	135,570	79,243	1,812,618
1921....	17,510	109,483	73,712	512,651	632,123	129,015	184,871	124,328 ³	85,950	1,869,643
1922....	18,323	114,229	77,774	530,705	654,893	136,876	183,935	142,902	91,919	1,951,556
1923....	17,742	114,458	78,753	537,406	667,922	142,369	194,313	148,045	94,888	1,995,896
1924....	17,281	111,594	79,265	-	-	144,491	204,154	147,373	96,204	-

¹ Common School System formed. ² Free School System established. ³ Half year only. ⁴ Not including vocational schools.