41.—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.		Months at school.					
							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	7,560	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
Brit. 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.

Table 44 on p. 145 of the 1927-28 Year Book 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 children 7 to 14 years of age in the nine provinces (Indians excluded) attended school for some period and 80·25 p.c. were at school from 7 to 9 months in the school year.

A table showing the percentage of the population of from 5 to 19 years of age who attended school in 1921, classified by age-periods and by sex, will be found on page 137 of the 1924 Year Book, while the school attendance of children from 7 to 14 years of age is shown for cities of 10,000 and over in a table on page 138 of the same volume.

Section 13.—Mother Tongue and Language Spoken.[1]

Every person of 10 years of age and over in Canada was required at the census of 1921 to answer the three questions:—(a) Can you speak English, (b) Can you speak French, (c) Language other than English and French spoken as mother tongue. "Mother tongue" was defined as the "language of customary speech employed by the person". The ascertained mother tongues of the people of Canada, exclusive of aborigines, as thus defined, are presented by provinces in Table 42, while more detailed statistics of the total English-speaking and French-speaking populations are furnished in Tables 43 to 45.

Of the population 10 years or over in the nine provinces (6,595,040), 4,099,246 or 62·12 p.c. gave English as their mother tongue and 1,757,193 or 26·64 p.c. French, 196,619 or 2·98 p.c. German, while 103,977 or 1·58 p.c. spoke one or other of the four Scandinavian languages (Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Icelandic)

[1] For detailed information, see pp. 491-593 of Vol. II of the Census of 1921, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.