

General elementary and secondary education throughout the Dominion, in so far as it is provincially-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. The twelfth grade is in most provinces a postgraduate year, corresponding to the first year of a university course. The average pupil takes one school year to complete each grade, so that entering school at 6 years of age, he would matriculate to the university at 17 or 18.

An historical summary of the enrolment and average attendance in provincially-controlled schools from 1901 to 1931 is given by provinces in Table 3. The totals of pupils enrolled in all provinces in the year 1901 is an approximation, based upon provincial statistics for the nearest available years. The enrolment and average attendance, in cities of 10,000 population and over, are given in Table 4.

3.—Historical Summary of Enrolment and Average Attendance in Schools in Canada, by Provinces, 1901-31.

TOTAL NUMBER ENROLLED, 1901-31.

NOTE.—Figures of enrolment and average attendance in various years prior to 1901 are given on pp. 839 and 840 of the 1932 Year Book.

Year.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que. ¹	Ont. ²	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada.
1901....	20,779	98,410	66,689	314,881	492,534	51,888	-	-	23,615	1,083,000
1902....	20,808	99,059	67,425	321,288	490,860	54,056	-	-	23,901	1,077,394
1903....	19,958	98,768	65,951	326,183	487,850	57,400	33,191	31,275	24,499	1,113,837
1904....	19,031	96,896	65,278	329,666	484,351	58,574	31,191	31,033	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....	18,988	100,332	68,635	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	34,339	30,039	1,196,013
1908....	18,012	100,105	66,383	352,944	501,641	71,031	47,088	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	102,038	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	1,356,979
1912....	17,078	103,984	69,199	400,036	526,951	-	81,896	70,414	50,170	1,319,728
1913....	17,555	105,269	69,663	411,784	542,822	83,679	101,463	79,309	57,384	1,469,752
1914....	19,069	106,351	70,622	435,895	561,927	92,954	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	103,795	129,439	99,201	64,570	1,622,351
1917....	18,190	109,032	71,981	463,390	561,865	105,588	142,617	107,727	65,118	1,646,508
1918....	17,861	108,097	71,782	467,508	564,655	109,925	151,326	111,109	67,516	1,669,776
1919....	17,587	106,982	71,029	465,201	564,724	114,662	164,219	121,567	72,008	1,738,977
1920....	17,354	108,096	72,988	465,887	604,923	123,452	174,925	135,750	79,243	1,812,618
1921....	17,510	109,483	73,712	512,651	632,123	129,015	184,871	124,323 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	1,956,896
1924....	17,281	111,594	79,265	541,495	671,311	144,481	204,164	147,373	96,204	2,013,158
1925....	17,427	112,352	80,145	548,519	677,458	145,834	206,595	147,796 ³	97,954	2,034,080
1926....	17,324	112,391	80,769	552,832	686,285	148,279	213,404	150,526 ³	101,688	2,063,498
1927....	17,210	112,556	80,690	557,732	700,476	148,763	218,560	154,380 ³	105,008	2,095,375
1928....	17,214	112,898	82,170	565,845	708,081	150,883	223,049	159,086 ³	108,179	2,127,405
1929....	17,180	113,309	83,589	577,373	712,919	150,517	227,263	164,850 ³	109,558	2,156,549
1930....	17,277	113,860	85,635	583,684	727,342	151,846	228,434	168,076 ³	111,017	2,187,171
1931....	17,506	115,511	86,355	-	-	153,553	230,492	168,730 ³	113,914	-

¹ Primary schools only. ² Not including vocational schools. ³ Half year only. ⁴ Including private schools.