

a record of earnings points, it would seem that all but a relatively small fraction of the longer period of "economic minority" was being spent in school. We can say that the increase in school attendance was almost exactly two years, the increase in dependency probably a little more.

The length of school attendance may be described in terms of the children's age as follows: in 1911 the average age on starting to school was 6.42 years, and adding to this the 7.96 years in school, the age on leaving must have been 14.38; in 1921 they started at age 6.33, stayed 9.13 years, and left at age 15.46; in 1931 the starting age averaged 6.36, the time in school 9.89 years and the age of leaving, 16.25.

Using as a guide the age on leaving school, it is possible to form a connection between 1931 and the years following. Unfortunately, there are only records for six provinces, the Maritime and Prairie Provinces, that permit of this use. A statement is presented below to show, since 1931, the tendency for the older children of these provinces to remain in school.

PERCENTAGES OF CHILDREN BETWEEN 15 AND 18 YEARS OF AGE REMAINING IN SCHOOL, FOR THE MARITIME AND PRAIRIE PROVINCES.

Province and Year.	Percentages of Children Enrolled in School.			
	Age 15.	Age 16.	Age 17.	Age 18.
MARITIME PROVINCES—				
1931.....	71.1	47.4	26.4	10.5
1933.....	71.6	51.3	32.7	16.3
1935.....	73.9	47.8	31.3	15.8
PRAIRIE PROVINCES—				
1931.....	73.1	44.7	26.3	12.6
1933.....	74.9	49.2	32.3	17.5
1935.....	73.4	45.7	30.8	17.4

In both areas the proportion of children in school at the ages 15-18 was higher in 1935 than in 1931, though not as high as in 1933. The two years following 1931 were those in which the chances of young people finding jobs were smallest, and they remained in school in unusual numbers. Since 1933 the proportions have fallen back nearer the level of 1931, but at the ages of 17 and 18 they are still considerably higher, and it seems likely that the long-term tendency of the current decade will be a continuation of the trend in 1911-31. The average age for leaving school in 1941 will probably be something like 17 years, in place of the 16.25 years of 1931.