

3.—Age Distribution of Pupils in Provincially-Controlled Schools, by Provinces, 1936.

Age.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
5 years or under	260	1,468	9,382	64,038	14,084	616	1,320	294	73
6 "	1,040	6,664			39,976	8,267	10,691	7,351	4,837
7 "	1,539	9,878	8,911	472,490	59,008	12,174	19,512	14,914	9,470
8 "	1,798	10,928	9,161		63,873	13,095	20,726	15,531	9,840
9 "	1,750	10,751	9,144		62,240	13,262	21,131	14,980	10,010
10 "	1,790	11,272	9,780	69,436	65,740	13,587	20,696	15,735	10,418
11 "	1,804	11,293	9,111		66,429	13,742	21,093	15,919	10,608
12 "	1,871	11,224	9,157	24,421	66,686	14,430	21,287	15,767	10,986
13 "	1,810	11,128	8,625		64,599	14,524	20,926	16,411	11,071
14 "	1,741	10,862	6,960	4,441	55,833	13,806	20,874	15,962	11,500
15 "	1,297	8,929	4,998		46,918	10,707	15,614	13,686	10,267
16 "	764	6,394	2,842	2,333	29,657	7,512	9,857	8,192	7,845
17 "	375	3,401	1,595		18,016	4,186	6,054	5,380	4,763
18 "	114	1,720	815	1,477	11,181	1,765	3,674	3,692	2,581
19 "	22	673	320		5,656	552	1,849	2,050	956
20 "	7	194	127	257	2,333	786	786	786	288
21 years or over.	4	109	78		1,477		746	543	115
Totals, Classified	17,986	116,888	91,006	634,826	673,706	142,482	216,836	167,193	115,628
Unclassified.....	197	Nil	1,950	Nil	Nil	Nil	411	Nil	1,094

Technical Education.—Recent editions of the Year Book have mentioned the tendency in post-war years toward diversity of instruction at the secondary level. It will be of interest to note here the extent to which communities of various sizes have made provision for technical and commercial instruction.

Among the 35 cities in Canada with populations of more than 20,000, there are 9 without day technical schools. Three of these—Verdun, Outremont and Westmount—are within reach of the Montreal Technical School. The others in order of size are Winnipeg, Halifax, Sherbrooke, Sydney, Glace Bay, and Moncton, the last four being among the smaller cities of the group. Evening technical classes are held in practically the same number of larger cities, though not the same cities, those without them in this case being all in Ontario and Quebec.

Among the 103 cities with populations between 5,000 and 20,000 about one-fourth have day technical schools and a similar number have evening technical classes. In smaller centres day schools are extremely rare, considering that there are nearly 400 places with populations of between 1,000 and 5,000, and only half a dozen schools among them. A considerable number, however, provide evening instruction of a technical character.

As information is not available concerning the number of centres offering commercial instruction in Quebec, reference can be made only to eight provinces. The chief difference to be noted, in comparison with the coverage of other technical instruction, is that approximately twice as many towns and smaller cities include commercial courses in their high schools. There are privately-owned business schools in quite a number of others, although they too are unusual in places with a population smaller than 5,000.

The number of centres offering evening classes of a technical nature has declined very considerably in the past few years, and attendance at such classes has fallen by one-third. Enrolment in day technical schools has changed little for several years (an interesting situation in view of the fact that the academic high school enrolment has continued to increase at the same time) probably due to the technical schools being filled to capacity with no money available for their extension.