

4.—Age Distribution of Pupils in Provincially-Controlled Schools, by Provinces, 1937.

Age.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
5 years or under	190	1,463	7,706	64,070	13,438	515	1,257	255	139
6 "	1,037	6,785	8,832		43,228	7,784	10,587	7,001	4,743
7 "	1,610	9,999	8,832		59,877	11,512	18,841	14,971	9,887
8 "	1,794	10,874	9,468		60,613	12,441	19,588	15,927	10,093
9 "	1,841	11,040	9,556		62,876	12,603	19,372	15,660	10,347
10 "	1,849	10,829	9,505	472,557	62,955	12,928	18,868	15,860	10,301
11 "	1,753	11,208	9,651		64,952	13,077	19,053	15,706	10,668
12 "	1,789	11,244	9,627		66,524	13,719	19,198	16,035	11,163
13 "	1,798	11,019	8,708		63,997	13,942	19,917	15,925	11,373
14 "	1,684	10,375	7,589	73,301	56,974	13,246	19,605	15,505	11,157
15 "	1,391	8,970	5,653		45,984	10,284	17,692	13,461	10,632
16 "	729	6,308	3,699	24,165	29,681	7,243	13,100	9,116	8,289
17 "	338	3,880	2,105		17,811	3,966	8,524	6,302	5,664
18 "	115	1,718	969		10,090	1,866	4,988	3,428	2,522
19 "	31	652	358	4,356	4,889	531	2,575	1,748	923
20 "	6	198	133		1,655	173	1,175	675	264
21 years or over . . .	8	93	56		1,064	83	939	375	119
Totals, Classified	17,943	116,659	93,615	638,452	666,668	135,713	215,279	167,950	118,284
Unclassified	183	6	564	Nil	722	6,769	367	Nil	147

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 of 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 to only 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 populations 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) probably due to the technical schools being filled to capacity with no money available for their extension.