

4.—Age Distribution of Pupils in Provincially Controlled Schools, by Provinces, 1938.

Age.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
5 years or under..	187	1,410	7,351	64,635	13,244	623	1,122	251	72
6 "	1,011	6,924			42,959	8,042	8,611	6,602	4,553
7 "	1,646	10,349	8,877	60,715	11,398	17,474	14,992	10,032	
8 "	1,817	11,001	8,951	63,540	12,237	19,979	16,376	10,587	
9 "	1,787	11,009	8,930	477,847	62,822	12,099	21,112	15,810	10,560
10 "	1,879	10,959	9,437		64,216	12,520	21,507	15,797	10,618
11 "	1,747	10,607	8,954	63,162	12,430	20,577	15,493	10,681	
12 "	1,856	11,206	9,404	64,817	12,820	20,355	15,684	11,106	
13 "	1,747	11,207	8,593	65,165	12,814	20,210	15,647	11,346	
14 "	1,646	10,440	7,072	74,260	57,281	12,687	19,527	15,136	11,188
15 "	1,448	8,490	5,352		45,850	9,999	15,264	12,868	10,327
16 "	722	6,202	3,571	23,775	30,311	7,562	10,420	9,132	8,596
17 "	350	3,797	2,124		19,271	4,279	7,163	6,313	6,143
18 "	149	1,909	1,037	3,658	10,789	1,598	4,080	3,908	3,170
19 "	44	661	341		476	1,885	1,673	853	
20 "	4	186	104	7,164	122	787	640	209	
21 years or over...	3	81	75		67	677	342	134	
Totals, Classified	18,043	116,438	90,173	644,175	671,306	131,773	210,750	166,664	120,175
Unclassified.....	148	Nil	825	Nil	1,390	7,556	548	Nil	185

Technical Education.—Since the War of 1914-18 there has been a tendency toward diversity of instruction at the secondary level. The extent to which communities of various sizes have made provision for technical and commercial instruction is noted below.

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, with only half a dozen schools between 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.

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 because the technical schools have been filled to capacity with no money available for their extension. Over a ten-year period technical students have increased proportionately more than academic students. They have approximately doubled while the others have increased by less than one-half. Even so, in the eight provinces only about one high school student in five is following a technical course.