

standstill, or declining, in all provinces, for several years, because of the annually decreasing number of younger children entering the schools. The decrease would be much more pronounced were it not for the tendency of older children to remain in school longer. The extent of this latter trend is indicated at pp. 956-957 of the 1937 Year Book.

**2.—Average Daily Attendance in Provincially Controlled Schools, by Provinces, 1926-39**

NOTE.—Figures for years previous to 1911 will be found at pp. 839-840 of the 1932 Year Book, and those from 1911 to 1925 at p. 963 of the 1937 edition.

| Year      | P.E.I. | N.S.   | N.B.   | Que.         | Ont.                 | Man.    | Sask.   | Alta.   | B.C.    | Total                  |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| 1926..... | 11,823 | 80,446 | 58,731 | 448,252      | 512,175              | 106,809 | 152,430 | 108,881 | 85,293  | 1,564,840              |
| 1927..... | 11,777 | 81,426 | 61,070 | 452,757      | 528,485              | 106,793 | 157,392 | 112,401 | 88,306  | 1,600,407              |
| 1928..... | 12,123 | 82,591 | 62,205 | 461,228      | 535,691              | 114,270 | 157,207 | 116,245 | 91,760  | 1,633,320              |
| 1929..... | 12,144 | 84,275 | 63,312 | 468,537      | 583,334              | 116,766 | 161,658 | 120,229 | 94,410  | 1,704,665              |
| 1930..... | 12,201 | 85,080 | 65,726 | 478,682      | 592,265              | 117,037 | 169,893 | 129,371 | 96,196  | 1,746,451              |
| 1931..... | 12,721 | 87,418 | 70,856 | 502,890      | 597,164              | 120,703 | 176,716 | 134,112 | 99,375  | 1,801,955              |
| 1932..... | 13,119 | 89,513 | 71,423 | 518,921      | 606,867              | 122,843 | 176,916 | 136,711 | 103,510 | 1,839,823              |
| 1933..... | 13,810 | 93,866 | 72,204 | 525,215      | 614,357              | 121,190 | 175,002 | 137,558 | 104,978 | 1,853,180              |
| 1934..... | 13,399 | 93,294 | 72,109 | 542,355      | 611,000 <sup>1</sup> | 120,314 | 175,457 | 139,155 | 103,408 | 1,870,491 <sup>1</sup> |
| 1935..... | 13,496 | 90,565 | 70,757 | 539,441      | 609,269              | 117,379 | 175,323 | 136,202 | 104,824 | 1,857,256              |
| 1936..... | 13,140 | 92,279 | 71,132 | 539,675      | 601,758              | 115,671 | 164,104 | 132,725 | 101,873 | 1,832,357              |
| 1937..... | 13,313 | 92,713 | 72,691 | 541,681      | 605,778              | 117,244 | 165,465 | 133,109 | 104,044 | 1,846,038              |
| 1938..... | 13,498 | 93,231 | 73,041 | 549,398      | 607,851              | 116,650 | 173,205 | 135,163 | 106,515 | 1,868,552              |
| 1939..... | 13,439 | 93,291 | 73,248 | <sup>2</sup> | 605,501              | 116,255 | 163,356 | 138,392 | 107,660 | -                      |

<sup>1</sup> Approximate.

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

A record of the age distribution of pupils in the provincially controlled schools of all provinces is presented in Table 3. The ages of boys and girls are not shown separately, and it should be mentioned that there is a definite tendency for boys to leave school at earlier ages than girls. A table at p. 964 of the 1937 Year Book shows, for the years 1911 to 1935, the comparative numbers of boys and girls in the secondary grades of seven provinces.

**3.—Age Distribution of Pupils in Provincially Controlled Schools, by Provinces, 1939**

| Age                       | P.E.I.        | N.S.           | N.B.          | Que.           | Ont.           | Man.           | Sask.          | Alta.          | B.C.           |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 5 years or under..        | 193           | 1,411          | 7,577         | 65,238         | 12,576         | 589            | 1,184          | 141            | 92             |
| 6 " .....                 | 1,090         | 6,723          |               |                | 42,928         | 7,912          | 9,691          | 5,826          | 4,577          |
| 7 " .....                 | 1,652         | 10,442         | 9,240         | 481,324        | 60,000         | 11,844         | 17,650         | 14,155         | 9,419          |
| 8 " .....                 | 1,819         | 11,281         | 9,444         |                | 63,438         | 12,398         | 19,384         | 15,757         | 10,405         |
| 9 " .....                 | 1,815         | 11,043         | 9,311         | 72,112         | 65,593         | 12,862         | 19,632         | 15,871         | 10,741         |
| 10 " .....                | 1,807         | 11,013         | 9,358         |                | 65,843         | 12,793         | 19,712         | 15,594         | 10,610         |
| 11 " .....                | 1,757         | 11,024         | 9,267         | 23,857         | 63,879         | 13,192         | 19,440         | 15,015         | 10,437         |
| 12 " .....                | 1,856         | 10,688         | 9,437         |                | 62,245         | 13,290         | 19,681         | 15,288         | 10,738         |
| 13 " .....                | 1,785         | 10,902         | 8,694         | 3,858          | 64,554         | 13,248         | 19,188         | 15,176         | 11,014         |
| 14 " .....                | 1,638         | 10,367         | 7,490         |                | 58,224         | 12,803         | 18,941         | 14,832         | 11,218         |
| 15 " .....                | 1,368         | 8,749          | 5,498         | 914            | 47,679         | 10,366         | 15,369         | 12,893         | 10,580         |
| 16 " .....                | 753           | 6,294          | 3,732         |                | 31,287         | 7,906          | 10,296         | 9,068          | 8,544          |
| 17 " .....                | 355           | 3,942          | 2,232         | 249            | 20,214         | 4,905          | 7,269          | 6,535          | 6,455          |
| 18 " .....                | 123           | 1,999          | 1,244         |                | 12,208         | 2,184          | 4,527          | 3,999          | 3,560          |
| 19 " .....                | 34            | 778            | 442           | 836            | 5,407          | 679            | 2,157          | 2,032          | 1,267          |
| 20 " .....                | 3             | 200            | 131           |                | 1,813          | 733            | 648            | 411            | 153            |
| 21 years or over..        | 8             | 102            | 81            | 914            |                |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Totals, Classified</b> | <b>18,056</b> | <b>116,958</b> | <b>93,148</b> | <b>646,339</b> | <b>678,802</b> | <b>137,220</b> | <b>205,699</b> | <b>163,241</b> | <b>120,059</b> |
| <b>Unclassified.....</b>  | <b>252</b>    | <b>Nil</b>     | <b>1,095</b>  | <b>Nil</b>     | <b>Nil</b>     | <b>Nil</b>     | <b>913</b>     | <b>Nil</b>     | <b>875</b>     |