

CHAPTER XXIV.—EDUCATION AND RESEARCH*

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A special article entitled "Recent Advances in the Field of Education in Canada" is given at pp. 876-883 of the 1941 edition of the Year Book. This article, in addition to outlining recent trends in elementary, secondary and higher education, provides data on post-school education and the educational services being conducted for the benefit of members of the Armed Forces.

Section 1.—Schools, Colleges and Universities

The British North America Act assigned public education in Canada, except in the case of the native Indian population, to the jurisdiction of the provincial governments. A system of public elementary and secondary education, financed mainly by local school authorities but assisted by provincial grants, has developed in each province. There are private schools in all provinces (i.e., schools that are not conducted by publicly elected or publicly appointed boards and that are not financed out of public money) but their enrolment is not large in comparison with that of the public schools. At the level of higher education, six provinces each have a provincially supported university, and the remaining three each have one or more colleges supported out of provincial funds.

Table 1 gives statistics of enrolment in four different categories of educational institutions including Dominion Indian schools. Indian schools are treated more fully in Chapter XXVII, Miscellaneous Administration, along with other information on Indian affairs.

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1.—Enrolment in Educational Institutions, by Provinces, School Year, 1939-40

Type of School	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Provincially Controlled Schools—					
Ordinary and technical day schools....	18,308	117,167	93,633	592,274	664,373
Evening schools.....	Nil	3,322	2,083	14,413	37,644
Correspondence schools.....	"	1,145	500	Nil	2,500
Special schools ¹	"	437	Nil	1,223	2,416
Normal schools.....	2	307	254	2,882	1,247
Privately Controlled Schools—					
Ordinary day schools.....	576	2,719	2,707	53,561	13,515
Business training schools.....	179	740	308	4,032	7,749
Dominion Indian schools.....	15	463	324	1,645	4,667
Universities and Colleges—					
Preparatory courses.....	430	345	559	14,053	3,114
Courses of university standard.....	120	2,389	1,297	12,226	19,185
Other courses at university ²	60	22,666	2,140	11,543	12,213
Totals.....	19,688	151,700	103,805	707,852	768,623
Populations, 1941⁴.....	94,000	573,000	453,000	3,320,000	3,757,000

For footnotes, see p. 876.