Graduates from Schools of Higher Education.—The number of university graduates since 1923 or 1924 has increased by about 50 p.c. Nearly 3 p.c. of the young people growing up in Canada to-day become university graduates-about 4 p.c. of the young men and 1.5 p.c. of the young women. The numbers receiving degrees in Engineering, Applied Science and Scientific Agriculture have doubled A similar increase has occurred in the Social Science graduates. Graduates in Medicine and Surgery have increased since 1938 under the impetus of war The year 1940 has seen a material decrease in the graduates in Arts and Science, Law and Theology but the rate of increase in the other professions remains about the same as for previous years.

Women constitute about one-fourth of university graduates. There has been no tendency for them to increase in such professional lines of study as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, law, theology or missionary courses. A few appear in the record of every branch of study into which enrolment can be divided, except forestry, but they have held in the main to Arts, including Science and Commerce, and to Education, Social Service and Public Health.

Graduates from Canadian Universities and Colleges, 1931-40

Note.—For figures from 1920-30, see pp. 993-997 of the 1938 Year Book.

	GRADUATES IN ARTS, PURE SCIENCE AND COMMERCE							
Year	Bachelors of Arts ¹		Bachelors of Science (in Arts)		Bachelors of Commerce ²		Totals	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Both Sexes	Women
1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939	2,474 2,629 2,881 3,081 3,175 3,342 3,364 3,354 3,230	981 1,020 1,143 1,157 1,162 1,168 1,168 1,187 1,119 1,142	252 277 259 293 288 320 280 297 356 345	45 41 35 45 39 45 28 41 55 45	169 199 244 241 200 202 211 221 242 267	17 15 32 33 26 25 23 23 29 27	2,895 3,105 3,384 3,615 3,522 3,697 3,833 3,882 3,952 3,842	1,043 1,076 1,210 1,235 1,227 1,238 1,219 1,251 1,203 1,214
Year	GRADUATES IN APPLIED SCIENCE							
	Bachelors of Applied Science or Engineering		Bachelors of Architecture ³		Bachelors of Forestry		Totals	
	Total	Women	Total	Women,	Total	Women	Both Sexes	Women
1931	418 439 554 624 642 564 536 604 629 715	Nil 1 2 1 2 1 Nil Nil 1	24 22 32 31 21 53 26 37 30 21	Nil 1 Nil 2 Nil 2 6 3 Nil	41 32 27 32 37 21 17 18 21 49	Nil " " " " " " " " " " " " "	483 493 613 687 700 638 579 659 680 784	Nil 2 1 2 3 2 3 6 3 1

¹ Include Bachelors of Letters and of Social Science. ² Include Bachelors of Accountancy and of Secretarial Science. ² Include diplomas in architecture from the Schools of Fine Arts of Montreal and Quebec.