

Subsection 5.—Statistics of Education in Newfoundland Prior to Union

Since Newfoundland was not a province in the year for which statistics are given for the other provinces in Section 4, this summary of education in Newfoundland prior to union is presented here.

As already stated (p. 290) the system of education is of the English tradition. The principal variation is in the denominational control of the schools. Each of the five leading religious denominations has its own schools. However, duplication of services is less than 15 p.c. since the schools are not exclusive and most small settlements are predominantly of one denomination. In addition there are 33 non-denominational schools. All classes of schools are subject to the same provincial regulations, follow the same curriculum, and receive provincial grants on the same basis. About 67 p.c. of the schools are one-room schools and 19 p.c. have two rooms. Any school may have all Grades I to XI, but only 23 p.c. of the one-room schools have more than eight grades. A few schools teach Grade XII.

A commercial course is given in Grade XI in some schools. Day and evening courses in handicrafts are given in the Handicraft Centre at St. John's, students in the day classes being recruited from all parts of the Province. The Vocational Institute, originally established for the civil re-establishment of veterans, was, in 1950, operating as a trade school for civilians. A nursery school class for blind children is operated at St. John's to prepare children for entrance to the School for the Blind at Halifax. Teacher training is carried on in Memorial University where a school of navigation is also conducted.

Adult and visual education is promoted by the Department of Education. In the adult-education field there are regular night classes for adults whose scholastic requirements vary from Grade I to Grade XI. In 1947, there were 34 teachers with a total enrolment of over 1,250 pupils in formal classes and 600 in informal study groups.

Table 11 gives statistics for Newfoundland comparable to Table 1 for the other provinces.

11.—Enrolment in Newfoundland Educational Institutions, School Year 1947-48

Type of School	Enrolment
	No.
Provincially Controlled Schools—	
Ordinary day schools.....	72,940
Evening schools.....	298 ¹
Correspondence school.....	20
Handicraft Centre (day classes).....	48
Normal school—Full course.....	166
Accelerated course.....	313
University—	
Courses of university standard.....	224
Navigation course.....	75
Total.....	74,034

¹ Handicraft classes only; in 1947 there were over 1,250 in regular formal evening classes in adult education.

Table 2 gives details of the provincially controlled day schools. In 1948 there was a staff of 22 provincial inspectors to supervise these schools. Enrolment