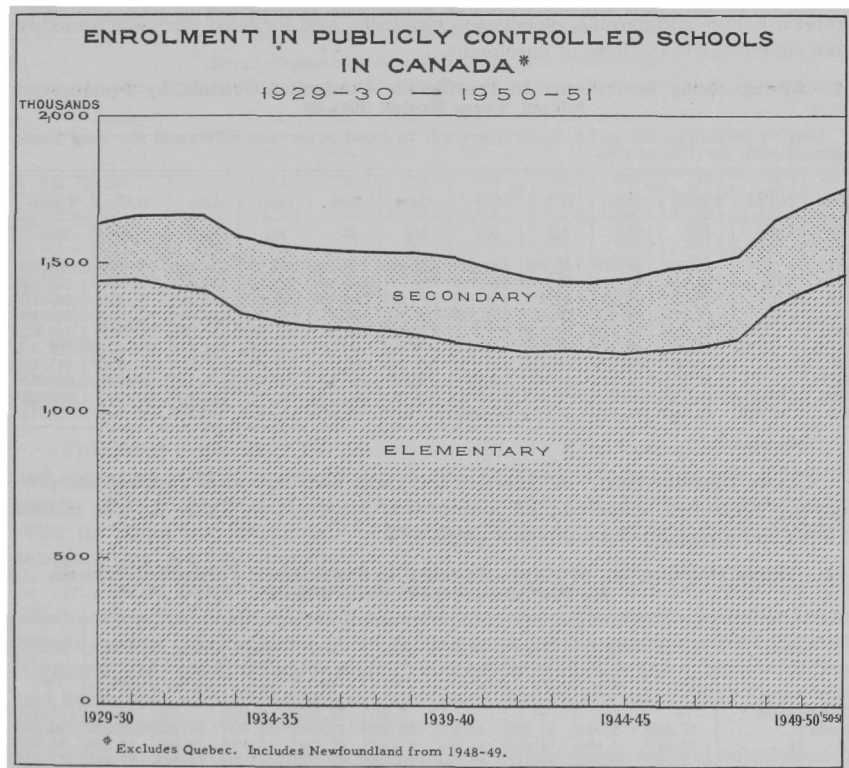


The provincially controlled schools are the most important group and account for about 90 p.c. of the total enrolment shown in Table 1. These systems of public elementary and secondary education are financed mainly by local school authorities, assisted by provincial grants. There are private schools in all provinces (i.e., schools that are not conducted by publicly elected or publicly appointed boards and 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, there is a provincial university in each of six provinces and one or more colleges supported out of provincial funds in the other provinces. In addition, there are 16 private universities most of which receive provincial aid and 163 colleges giving degree credit courses. For information on the inauguration of a system of federal grants to universities and colleges, see p. 337. Agricultural schools and colleges are listed in the 1943-44 Year Book, pp. 203-213.



Subsection 1.—Provincially Controlled Elementary and Secondary Schools*

Enrolment and Attendance.—At the elementary-school level, enrolments have been increasing since the school year 1944-45, except in Saskatchewan. Birth registrations of the past few years indicate that by 1953-54 the enrolment in Grades I to VIII will have increased from 1,712,662 to over 2,307,000, a total of 595,000, and there is every indication that the increase may amount to 800,000 by 1960. A decline may set in shortly after that. An increase of 800,000 is equal to over 45 p.c.

* Day and technical schools only.
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