

CHAPTER VIII.—EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

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NOTE.—The interpretation of the symbols used in the tables throughout the Year Book will be found facing p. 1 of this volume.

PART I.—FORMAL EDUCATION*

Section 1.—Education in the Provinces

Elementary and Secondary Schools.—Two-thirds of all Canadian children of ages 5 to 19 inclusive are enrolled in Canadian schools for at least some time during the school year. The percentage increases from 65 p.c. at ages 5 to 9, to 93 p.c. for ages 10 to 14 and drops to 40 p.c. for ages 15 to 19. About 5 p.c. of those aged 20 to 24 are still in school.† Children are enrolled in public and private schools from kindergarten to university or in vocational or professional training schools. A summary of the organization and administration of these schools is given in the following paragraphs.

Education was left in the hands of the provinces by the British North America Act and each province has developed a system to meet its needs. Two distinct types of organization are easily discernible: (1) the French tradition found in the Roman Catholic schools of Quebec, and (2) the English tradition found in the Protestant schools of Quebec and in all other provinces. The Federal Government is responsible for education among the Indians and Eskimos and of all children in the Territories and in establishments of the Armed Forces.

The English Tradition.—The system of education in each province is established by legislation and administered by a Department of the Provincial Government under a Minister of Education who is a member of the Cabinet and is responsible to the Legislature.

Each of the Atlantic Provinces has provided for a Council of Public Instruction or Board of Education, an advisory group composed of the Premier, Minister of Education, Deputy Minister or Superintendent and certain other appointees. The Council in Newfoundland is made up of the Minister, the Deputy Minister and the Superintendent of Education of each of the four leading religious denominations.

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† Based on the 1951 Census of Canada.