

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 and Territories

This Section deals mostly with that part of Canada's population enrolled in regular school classes—about one-sixth of the total. This is not a complete picture of education in Canada as there are many others enrolled in part-time courses and evening classes, and everyone receives some informal education through the daily newspapers, radio, television, cinema, books, magazines and other sources. Most of the children aged six to 13 are enrolled in school although some children begin regular classes or enter kindergarten at age five. About 7 p.c. drop out at age 13 and from that age on, the number attending school drops rapidly year by year. Thus 90 p.c. are in school at age 14, 76 p.c. at age 15, 55 p.c. at 16, 37 p.c. at 17, 23 p.c. at 18, and 14 p.c. at age 19. Only 15 p.c. of those aged 20 to 24 are in school and less than 1 p.c. from that age on.

To instruct these students, some 130,000 members of the work force of the country are employed as regular staff members of the schools and universities and thousands of others are part-time employees or volunteers in the adult education field. An important though smaller number are employed to administer and inspect the schools and to determine policy; and a somewhat larger group of volunteers are elected or appointed to school boards.

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