

is academic, leading to university entrance after grade 11. In some schools in St. John's, grade 12 studies are offered (following the Nova Scotia grade 12 program of studies and the pupils writing examinations set by the Atlantic Provinces Examining Board) and a post-grade 11 commercial course is taught. An active school-building program in the province includes, for the first time, regional high schools. Few private schools are operated in Newfoundland.

Trade courses for apprentices and other trade training is offered in the St. John's Vocational Training Institute. A provincial university, to which is affiliated a theological college (Queen's), is located in St. John's. The Division of Adult Education of the Department of Education sponsors programs in both urban and rural centres.

**Prince Edward Island.**—Except in the city of Charlottetown and the incorporated towns, there are no local governing authorities, and therefore the school boards collect the school tax. About 87 p.c. of the money for teachers' salaries is provided by the provincial government; it is supplemented by the local school boards.

Prince Edward Island is essentially a rural province with more than 75 p.c. of the schools being rural one-room structures. Another 17 p.c. of the schools have from two to five rooms and only 8 p.c. are larger. Kindergarten classes are available in a few urban schools. The elementary school curriculum comprises grades 1 to 8 and high school grades are 9 to 12 but it is common for rural schools to teach grades 1 to 10, with grades 11 and 12 available in the larger centres. One junior high school has been established recently. There are also a few private Roman Catholic schools in the province.

Trade training is given in the Provincial Vocational School and two private business colleges provide commercial courses. The government operates the Prince of Wales College and Normal School in Charlottetown, offering junior college and teacher-training courses, and both high school and university programs are available at St. Dunstan's College (Roman Catholic). A Director of Adult Education on the staff of the Department of Education organizes programs throughout the province.

**Nova Scotia.**—In 1942 the provincial legislature of Nova Scotia established municipal school units which accepted responsibility for a set "minimum program of education" in rural and village schools. Differences between the amount received from a fixed municipal tax and the cost of the minimum program was paid as an "equalization grant" by the province. On Jan. 1, 1956, significant legislation gave effect to recommendations of a Royal Commission on Public School Finance in Nova Scotia. It was designed to establish a "foundation program" in all public elementary and secondary schools, to make more equitable the basis of taxation for school purposes and to distribute provincial support in relation to need.

The public school curriculum of Nova Scotia is divided into elementary, junior high and senior high, the latter schools providing commercial courses as well as general academic courses. Rural and regional high schools, commonly offering grades 7 to 12, provide secondary school facilities outside the urban centres. The number of pupils studying by correspondence, though a relatively small proportion of the total, has increased in recent years because of the shortage of qualified teachers. There are about a score of private elementary and secondary schools in the province, almost all of them Roman Catholic.

Vocational training is provided under the auspices of the Department of Education in two county vocational high schools, in evening vocational classes in more than 40 centres, by correspondence courses, and in eight coal-mining schools, a land survey school, a marine navigation school, a marine engineering school, and a college of art. The Department of Labour operates three Canadian Vocational Training Centres. The Nova Scotia College of Agriculture, operated under the Department of Agriculture, gives short courses in agriculture. Fisheries schools are operated by the Department of Trade and Industry.