

Subsection 1.—Elementary and Secondary Schools

Control.—Direct control and operation of public schools is by school boards, which operate under school laws and regulations, and the members of which are elected or appointed usually for terms of two or three years. As stated on p. 340, through amalgamations and consolidations, schools are now operated by boards of larger units, local boards within larger units, independent boards for rural schools, towns or cities, and some by official trustees appointed by the province in lieu of a board. As their designations imply, private schools and federal schools are administered by private organizations and federal authorities, respectively.

Table 3 gives the number of active public school boards in each province in the school year ended in 1960 and indicates the type of board, the number of official trustees and the number of board members elected or appointed to these boards.

3.—Active School Boards and School Trustees, by Province, School Year 1959-60

Province	Boards of Larger Units	Local Boards within Larger Units	Independent Local Boards	Total Boards	School Boards composed of Trustees who are—			School Trustees
					All Elected	Some Appointed Some Elected	All Appointed	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	307	—	—	307	—	—	307	1,550 ¹
Prince Edward Island.....	—	76	469	469	467	2	—	1,453
Nova Scotia.....	76	1,500	—	1,576	1,500	—	76	6,448
New Brunswick.....	14	512	79	605	453	152	—	2,395
Quebec—								
Roman Catholic.....	1	7	1,557	1,565	1,563	—	2	7,828
Protestant.....	10	14	263	287	286	—	1	1,216
Ontario.....	802	11 ²	2,986	3,799	3,543	38	218	14,896
Manitoba.....	43	1,395	193	1,631	1,631	—	—	5,262
Saskatchewan.....	56	4,994	400	5,450	5,450	—	—	15,973
Alberta ³	58	—	146	204	196	—	8	799
British Columbia ⁴	82	—	5	87	82	5	—	567
Mackenzie District.....	—	—	2	2	2	—	—	6
Totals.....	1,449	8,433	6,100	15,982	15,173	197	612	58,393

¹ Estimated. ² Boards of Education, members of Toronto Metropolitan Board. ³ Ten school districts are under an official trustee or trustees. ⁴ In addition, five school districts are under an official trustee or trustees.

Enrolment.—Total enrolment in publicly controlled day schools increased from 1,092,633 in 1901 to 2,264,106 in 1931, but dropped during the 1930's and the early 1940's, when the birth rate was low, to 2,060,718 in 1944. After 1944 it rose slowly for some years and then at an accelerated rate to reach 3,813,711 in 1960. From 1954 to 1960 enrolment advanced by 950,000 for the country as a whole though the increase varied from province to province, ranging from 19 p.c. for Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan to 42 p.c. for Ontario and 45 p.c. for British Columbia.

Enrolment in private elementary and secondary schools accounted for 4 p.c. of the total enrolment in these schools. The number of private school pupils, which was 100,000 in 1950 and 1952, rose rather sharply to a peak of 151,141 in 1956, dropped slightly to 150,476 in 1957, but increased to 165,295 by 1960.

Table 4 shows enrolment of all elementary and secondary pupils in the provinces and territories and in Department of National Defence schools overseas, and classifies them by grade. It also shows the numbers attending private and Indian schools in each province and territory.