

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. 292, 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 1961 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 1960-61

Province or District	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.....	313	—	—	313	—	—	313	3,067
Prince Edward Island.....	7	—	473	480	—	9	471	1,514
Nova Scotia.....	35	1,339	42	1,416	1,339	—	77	4,550
New Brunswick.....	12	507	77	596	568	28	—	2,452
Quebec—								
Roman Catholic.....	9	70	1,412	1,491	1,489	—	2	7,487
Protestant.....	10	70	156	236	234	—	2	1,033
Ontario.....	836	11 ¹	3,229	4,076	3,735	52	289	17,150
Manitoba.....	62	38	1,400	1,500	1,500	—	—	4,940
Saskatchewan.....	57	4,765	318	5,140	5,140	—	—	15,943
Alberta ²	59	—	182	241	221	20	—	914
British Columbia ²	82	—	5	87	87	—	—	560
Mackenzie District.....	—	—	3	3	3	—	—	9
Totals.....	1,482	6,800	7,297	15,579	14,316	109	1,154	59,619

¹ Boards of Education, members of Toronto Metropolitan Board.

² Ten school districts are under an

official trustee or trustees. ³ 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 the school year ending 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 3,993,125 in the school year ended in 1961. From 1954 to 1961, enrolment advanced by 1,129,000 for the country as a whole although the increase varied from province to province, ranging from 21 p.c. for Prince Edward Island to 49 p.c. for Ontario and 53 p.c. for British Columbia.

Enrolment in private schools accounted for 4 p.c. of the total enrolment at the elementary and secondary levels. The number of private school pupils, reported at 103,000 in 1950-51, increased to almost 168,000 in 1960-61, although about 20,000 of this latter figure resulted from a more inclusive accounting in recent years of all types of private schools in Quebec.

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. Private schools and schools for Indian and Eskimo children are included in these figures.