

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. 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 are administered by private organizations and federal schools by federal authorities.

Table 4 gives the number of active public school boards in each province in the school year ended in 1963 and indicates the type of board, the number of official trustees and the number of board members elected or appointed to these boards.

4.—Active School Boards and School Trustees, by Province, School Year 1962-63

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.....	284	—	—	284	—	—	284	3,129
Prince Edward Island.....	14	—	436	450	448	2	—	1,453
Nova Scotia.....	35	42	1,261	1,338	1,261	—	77	4,311
New Brunswick.....	14	409	80	503	473	16	14	2,277
Quebec—								
Roman Catholic.....	27	405	1,141	1,573	1,571	—	2	8,259
Protestant.....	9	58	144	211	209	—	2	1,239
Ontario.....	953	11 ¹	2,909	3,873	3,533	52	288	17,918
Manitoba.....	61	38	1,337	1,436	1,436	—	—	4,685
Saskatchewan.....	57	4,720	357	5,134	5,134	—	—	16,335
Alberta.....	59	—	142	201	201	—	—	890
British Columbia ²	82	—	5	87	87	—	—	568
Mackenzie District.....	—	—	3	3	3	—	—	11
Totals.....	1,595	5,683	7,815	15,093	14,356	70	667	61,075

¹ Boards of Education—all members of Toronto Metropolitan Board. are under an official trustee or trustees.

² In addition, 12 school districts

Enrolment.—Table 5 shows enrolment of all elementary and secondary pupils in Canada 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. Enrolment in private schools accounted for 4 p.c. of the total 1962-63 enrolment at the elementary and secondary levels. Schools operated by Federal Government departments, that is, schools for Indian children, schools in the Territories and overseas schools for children of Service personnel, accounted for about 1 p.c. of the total.

School enrolment has been increasing in recent years much more rapidly than the general population. Annual rates of increase in total school enrolment for the four most recent years ranged from 3.8 p.c. to 4.9 p.c.; the country's population during the same period increased annually by amounts varying from 1.8 p.c. to 2.2 p.c.