

Subsection 1.—Elementary and Secondary Schools

Control.—As stated on p. 339, direct control and operation of public schools is by school boards, which operate under school laws and regulations. School boards may be boards of larger units, local boards within larger units or independent boards for rural schools, towns or cities, the members of which may be all elected, partly elected and partly appointed or all appointed; some schools are operated by 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 and school trustees in each province as at January 1966.

4.—Active School Boards and School Trustees, by Province, as at January 1966

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.....	269	—	—	269	—	—	269	3,500
Prince Edward Island.....	29	—	378	407	405	2	—	1,437
Nova Scotia.....	24	1,209	42	1,275	1,198	—	77	4,049
New Brunswick.....	14	383	39	436	387	9	30	1,949
Quebec—								
Roman Catholic.....	55	1,291	109	1,455	1,453	—	2	7,457
Protestant.....	9	52	141	202	141	—	61	1,014
Ontario.....	980	11 ¹	716	1,707	1,324	49	334	8,629
Manitoba.....	64	—	1,069	1,133	1,116	—	17	3,930
Saskatchewan.....	60	4,385	76	4,521	4,521	—	—	13,923
Alberta.....	59	—	138	197	197	—	—	880
British Columbia.....	83	—	4	87	87	—	—	557
Mackenzie District.....	—	—	3	3	3	—	—	11
Totals.....	1,646	7,331	2,715	11,692	10,842	60	790	47,336

¹ Boards of Education, all members of Toronto Metropolitan Board.

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 1964-65 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 4.0 p.c. to 4.2 p.c.; the country's population during the same period increased annually by amounts varying from 1.7 p.c. to 1.8 p.c.