

Subsection 1.—Elementary and Secondary Schools

Control.—As stated on p. 356, 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 December 1966.

4.—Active School Boards and School Trustees, by Province, as at December 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.....	270	—	—	270	—	—	270	2,760
Prince Edward Island.....	32	—	341	373	355	18	2	1,288
Nova Scotia.....	35	1,164	42	1,241	1,164	—	77	4,737
New Brunswick.....	14 ¹	383	39	436	367	9	30	1,946
Quebec—								
Roman Catholic.....	55	1,337	91	1,483	1,481	—	2	7,608
Protestant.....	16	53	141	210	150	60	—	994
Ontario.....	979	11 ²	600	1,590	1,330	43	217	8,130
Manitoba.....	64	—	872	936	919	—	17	2,958
Saskatchewan.....	60	4,305	75	4,440	4,440	—	—	13,405
Alberta.....	61	—	142	203	203	—	—	900
British Columbia.....	83	—	4	87	87	—	—	552
Mackenzie District.....	—	—	3	3	3	—	—	11
Totals.....	1,669	7,253	2,350	11,272	10,529	128	615	45,292

¹ County Finance Boards which ceased to operate on Jan. 1, 1967.
Toronto Metropolitan Board.

² Boards of Education, all members of

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 1965-66 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. Total school enrolment in 1965-66 represented a 3.2-p.c. increase over the previous year. In comparison, the annual rates of increase in total school enrolment for the three previous 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.