

Scotia Agricultural College and institutions in Central Canada. The Prince Edward Island School of Nursing is the only establishment from which a nursing diploma may be obtained. In 1969 the University of Prince Edward Island was created as an amalgamation of St. Dunstan's University and Prince of Wales College.

7.4.3 Nova Scotia

In 1976-77 Nova Scotia's 203,900 elementary and secondary students were taught by 10,780 full-time teachers. At the post-secondary level full-time non-university enrolment totalled 3,000 and university enrolment 18,200. Full-time teaching staff in the two types of institution numbered 370 and 1,600, respectively. Education expenditures were \$522 million or 10.4% of the Gross Provincial Product, representing an outlay of \$630 per capita.

School board amalgamation occurred in 1968. For education purposes, the province is divided into municipalities, town sections, city sections and regional units, each with its own board.

Nova Scotia is the only province where pre-grade one (known in the province as primary) is obligatory, so the ages of compulsory attendance extend from 5 to 16. The predominant grade organization is: elementary (primary to grade 6), junior high (grades 7-9), and senior high (grades 10-12). Secondary graduation occurs after grade 11 (junior matriculation) or grade 12 (senior matriculation). A bachelor's degree requires three years of study beyond grade 12. The only vocational education given by regular high schools is in business and commercial subjects. Students in various secondary grades may choose one-, two- or three-year occupational training programs at regional vocational schools, most of which are operated by the province. Although there is no provision for separate schools, local boards can designate certain schools and teachers for instruction of religious or language groups.

Nova Scotia has two institutes of technology offering trades and post-secondary technical courses, an agricultural college providing terminal and university transfer programs, a land survey institute and a nautical institute. The Canadian Coast Guard College is located in Sydney. All diploma education for nurses is conducted by hospital schools. The Nova Scotia Teachers' College, with an enrolment of 550 in the fall of 1976, is the only independent normal school in Canada.

Graduate and undergraduate degree programs are available in the province's eight degree-granting institutions. The Nova Scotia government contributes to the support of Mount Allison University in New Brunswick as compensation for Nova Scotians who attend it. The government also supports the faculty of forestry at the University of New Brunswick. In turn, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island students are accepted at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, and by the faculties of medicine and dentistry at Dalhousie.

7.4.4 New Brunswick

New Brunswick's 1976-77 elementary-secondary enrolment totalled 164,500 and the teaching force numbered 7,760. The province's non-university institutions and four universities had 1,450 and 11,100 full-time students, respectively, taught by 180 and 1,100 teachers. Expenditures on all levels of education amounted to \$371.5 million, representing 9.6% of the Gross Provincial Product and \$549 per capita.

The province is divided into seven regions, each administered by a superintendent, and subdivided into 33 school districts. Every district is under the authority of a board of trustees. All board members serve a three-year term. Some are elected, others are appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

School attendance is compulsory from 7 to 16. Kindergarten is not offered in the public system. Students progress through 12 years of school leading to junior matriculation. The most common patterns of organization are: elementary (grades 1-6), junior high (grades 7-9) and senior high (grades 10-12) or elementary (grades 1-6) and high school (grades 7-12). Secondary students have a choice of three programs: college preparatory and technical; general educational and occupational; and practical. No provision is made for separate schools.