

74.4 p.c. were literate. There were 2,160 deaf-mutes in 1931 from 5 to 19 years of age and of these 1,056 or 49 p.c. were reported as attending school, while 66.32 p.c. of those from 10 to 14 years of age were attending school.

*Causes of Deaf-Mutism.*—In 4,084 cases out of the total of 6,767 deaf-mutes recorded in the nine provinces in 1931, the infirmity arose from congenital causes and in all but a few of these instances existed at birth. Among other causes of the infirmity, the most serious, with the number of cases in which each was reported as the cause, were: general infectious diseases, 1,199 (of which scarlet fever with 401 was the largest); diseases of the nervous system, 361; other diseases, 421; and external violence, 221. In these cases where diseases or accident were reported as the cause, the infirmity developed, in the great majority of instances, when the sufferer was under 5 years of age.

*Gainfully Occupied.*—For the nine provinces at the Census of 1931 there were 1,968 deaf-mutes (1,720 males and 248 females) reported as gainfully occupied out of a total of 5,191 who were 15 years of age and over. There were 752 in agricultural occupations, 544 in manufacturing, 165 in personal service, and 292 in unspecified or unskilled occupations. There were 1,720 males gainfully occupied out of 2,794 males 15 years old and over. Unlike those suffering from blindness, where more than half the gainfully occupied were working on their own account, the great majority of gainfully occupied deaf-mutes (1,577 out of 1,968) were reported as employees.

### 30.—Blind, Deaf-Mutes and Blind Deaf-Mutes in Canada, by Provinces and Territories, 1931.

Province or Territory.	Blind. <sup>1</sup>			Deaf-Mutes. <sup>1</sup>			Blind Deaf-Mutes.		
	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	T.	M.	F.
Prince Edward Island.....	82	43	39	45	24	21	2	2	
Nova Scotia.....	749	381	368	456	245	211	9	4	5
New Brunswick.....	374	211	163	345	176	169	4	3	1
Quebec.....	2,295	1,199	1,096	2,778	1,497	1,281	41	20	21
Ontario.....	2,309	1,309	1,000	1,807	937	870	33	19	14
Manitoba.....	461	287	174	467	269	198	6	2	4
Saskatchewan.....	386	242	144	361	210	151	2	2	—
Alberta.....	237	145	92	290	163	127	5	2	3
British Columbia.....	450	289	161	218	110	108	4	4	—
Totals, Nine Provinces.....	7,343	4,106	3,237	6,767	3,631	3,136	106	58	48
Yukon.....	1	—	1	1	1	—	1	—	1
Northwest Territories.....	8	2	6	4	2	2	—	—	—
<b>Totals, Canada.....</b>	<b>7,352</b>	<b>4,108</b>	<b>3,244</b>	<b>6,772</b>	<b>3,634</b>	<b>3,138</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>49</b>

<sup>1</sup>Not including blind deaf-mutes.

### 31.—Blind<sup>1</sup> by Number and Proportion per 10,000 Population, by Provinces, 1881-1931.

Province.	Number.						Proportions per 10,000 Population.					
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.
Prince Edward Island.....	68	82	67	58	75	82	6.2	7.5	6.5	6.2	8.5	9.3
Nova Scotia.....	359	406	485	332	576	749	8.1	9.0	10.5	6.7	11.0	14.6
New Brunswick.....	212	252	283	232	257	374	6.6	7.8	8.5	6.6	6.6	9.2
Quebec.....	1,102	1,219	1,035	1,117	1,253	2,295	8.1	8.2	6.3	5.6	5.3	8.0
Ontario.....	1,102	1,227	1,063	1,077	1,570	2,309	5.7	5.8	4.9	4.3	5.3	6.7
Manitoba.....	31	36	104	123	179	461	5.0	2.4	4.1	2.7	2.9	6.6
Saskatchewan.....	—	—	54	78	156	386	—	—	5.9	1.6	2.1	4.2
Alberta.....	—	—	60	71	101	237	—	—	8.2	1.9	1.7	3.2
British Columbia.....	128	128	115	138	221	450	25.9	13.0	6.4	3.5	4.2	6.5
<b>Totals, Nine Provinces.....</b>	<b>3,002</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>3,266</b>	<b>3,226</b>	<b>4,388</b>	<b>7,343</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>

<sup>1</sup>Not including blind deaf-mutes.