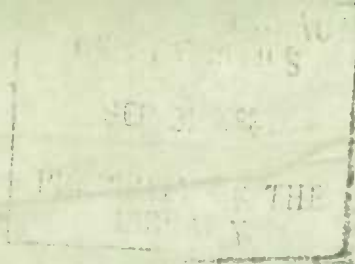


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Preliminary Report on Private Schools in Canada, 1929-30.

Apart from some of the universities and colleges there are two main types of educational institution in Canada conducted by private enterprise. These are (1) Private schools of general elementary and high school education similar to that given in the schools of the publicly-controlled provincial systems; (2) Private schools of business or commercial training generally termed in all of the provinces "business colleges".

Private Elementary and Secondary Schools.— This group enrolls 32,216 pupils in eight provinces (except Quebec) or about 2% of the school population. In Quebec the number in schools of this class (called independent primary schools) is 60,059 or over 10 p.c. of the school enrolment in the province, making the proportion for the whole Dominion more than 4 p.c. In the United States 9% of the pupils are in schools privately controlled, which according to reliable sources is probably not far from the percentage in the United Kingdom.

There is a much higher proportion of the pupils in advanced grades in the private schools than in the public. In the eight provinces about 25 p.c. of all students are in the high school grades, while a further 10 p.c. have completed the lower grades and are studying special subjects, whereas in the public school systems of the same provinces only 12 p.c. are in high school work. About one third of the pupils are in residential schools, of which several are denominational orphanages. In the eight provinces 53 p.c. of the schools are under Roman Catholic control, 22 p.c. Protestant denominations, 4 p.c. other churches, and 21 p.c. undenominational. Considering this predominance of Catholic denominational schools it is not surprising to find that the proportion of the school population in private schools varies in the different provinces in much the same order that the proportion of Catholics in the total population varies. It is highest in Quebec with 10 p.c., next highest in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island with 4 p.c. and 3.3 p.c. respectively, 2.5 p.c. in Nova Scotia, 3 p.c. in Manitoba and 2 p.c. in Alberta (the provinces being listed in the order of the proportions of Catholics in their population). Ontario and Saskatchewan would be expected to follow Nova Scotia above but in reality are at the bottom of the list with considerably less than 2 p.c. in each case. British Columbia which would be expected at the bottom of the list, has 4.5 p.c., the higher proportion being due largely to the higher proportion of British (United Kingdom) born in the population, and consequent large number of residential schools of the English type.

The average (median) age of pupils of each grade in the private schools compares with those in the public schools as follows:

	Private	Public
Grade 1	7.28 yrs.	7.68 yrs.
2	8.57	8.95
3	9.60	9.87
4	10.57	10.85
5	11.63	11.90
6	12.62	12.90
7	13.51	13.79
8	14.42	14.62
9	15.17	14.89
10	16.13	15.69
11	17.12	16.67

The private school pupils begin the first grade on the average two-fifths of a year younger, but lose half of this lead by the time they have arrived at the entrance to high school, Grade 8. On passing into high school a noteworthy transformation occurs, the public school pupils coming to be younger than the private by more than they were older at the end of the elementary grades. This seems to be due to a much more rigid process of elimination in the public schools, the great majority of the older pupils in grade 8 dropping out and the younger continuing into high school; whereas the private school pupils of grade 8, whether comparatively young or old for the grade, are sent back by their parents to obtain a high school education. Financial considerations are probably a chief factor, the parents of private school pupils being able, on the whole, to afford to keep the older children at school. It has been noted above that the proportion of high school students is more than twice as high in private schools as in public





Almost half of the teachers in private schools belong to religious orders. Of 1,547 teachers in six provinces 847 are lay and 700 religious. There is a higher proportion of university graduates than among the teachers of any provincial system, there being 391, or 25.2 p.c., while the publicly controlled schools of British Columbia lead those of other provinces with 18.3 p.c. A further very pronounced advantage of the private school lies in the ratio of pupils to teachers. They average only 15 pupils per teacher while the provincial schools average 31.

Private Business and Commercial Schools.- Some of the special students in the above group were studying business subjects, but in schools devoting their chief attention to business training 29,120 students are recorded,- 19,296 in day classes and 9,724 in evening classes. The day pupils are 4,897 male and 14,399 female, while the evening pupils are 3,664 male and 6,060 female. Most of the day, courses require less than a school year to complete but the only indication of the number completing a full course is the 6,877 reported as receiving diplomas. Some schools, however, do not issue diplomas. A rough division of the courses being followed may be given as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Stenographic	2,382	12,953	15,335
Commercial	2,915	1,358	4,273
Secretarial	1,496	4,058	5,554
Other	1,490	1,994	3,484

"Stenographic" courses are those in which shorthand and typewriting are the chief subjects; "Commercial" are those in which bookkeeping or accounting is the chief study; "Secretarial" includes courses reported as complete business training and similar terms; usually combining most of the subjects in the two preceding courses and requiring a few months longer to complete than either of these. "Other" includes those in the business colleges only learning to operate certain office appliances or machines other than the typewriter. Many office machine distributing stations, however, train operators for their particular machines and these are not included in the report.

The tables on business colleges in this report are arranged to show the number of students in principal cities. The following summary goes somewhat farther and shows the average number of business college students in Canadian towns and cities of a given size:

Population	Average number of pupils	
	In day classes	In evening classes
Under 5,000	43	11
5,000 - 10,000	50	17
10,000 - 25,000	75	22
25,000 - 50,000	240	130
50,000 - 100,000	511	155
Over 100,000	1,393	989

Business schools are not frequently established in towns with a population of less than 3,000. As the population goes beyond 3,000, it becomes more and more unusual for the town to be without one. Night classes are a more important part of the schools' work in the largest cities, though some of the smaller cities provide considerable numbers for evening study.





TABLE I. PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

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Private Elementary and Secondary Schools in Canada: General summary by Provinces, 1930.

Province	Number of institutions	Number of teaching staff	No. of Pupils in residence			Number of Pupils enrolled				Total
			Boys	Girls	Total	In Elementary grades	In Secondary grades	Special work only	Unspecified by grades	
P. E. I.	5	22	31	115	146	450	43	80	-	573
Nova Scotia	16	148	125	450	575	1,839	726	268	-	2,833
New Brunswick	24	159	584	1,160	1,744	2,356	609	669	16	3,650
Ontario	65	691	1,327	2,264	3,591	4,141	4,486	841	50	9,518
Manitoba	34	179	818	519	1,337	4,082	642	8	75	4,807
Saskatchewan	33	118	-	-	-	1,541	505	-	4	2,050
Alberta	30	195	793	728	1,521	1,534	955	1,068	-	3,557
British Columbia	57	348	623	695	1,318	3,113	782	106	1,227	5,228
<b>TOTAL</b>	264	1,860	4,301	5,931	10,232	19,056	8,748	3,040	1,372	32,216

1/ Except Quebec, for which province data for private schools (called independent primary schools) are given with the report on publicly controlled schools. The number of such schools in Quebec is 531, teachers 3,658, enrolment 60,059.





TABLE II. - Private Elementary and Secondary Schools in Canada: Distribution of Pupils enrolled during year in 8 provinces (Quebec not included) by grade, sex and age, 1930.

Grade	Sex	A g e																			
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
K....	B....	148	100	25	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	276		
	G....	153	116	40	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	316		
I...	B....	73	448	389	250	131	67	21	12	7	6	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	1,409		
	G....	150	587	454	213	85	44	16	17	9	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	1,581		
II...	B....	8	38	226	276	196	133	60	33	13	3	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	991		
	G....	5	111	336	385	199	88	48	25	12	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,213		
III...	B....	-	5	56	194	263	205	117	60	18	16	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	940		
	G....	-	10	95	303	348	195	89	44	22	10	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	1,122		
IV...	B....	-	-	8	58	167	220	168	103	58	27	17	5	1	-	-	-	-	832		
	G....	-	8	27	97	323	348	173	107	55	29	12	4	1	-	-	-	-	1,184		
V...	B....	-	-	-	4	50	161	221	150	92	54	24	5	3	2	-	-	-	767		
	G....	-	-	-	6	101	270	310	221	111	43	20	6	-	-	1	-	1	1,090		
VI...	B....	-	-	-	2	2	43	125	176	168	84	33	12	2	2	-	-	-	649		
	G....	-	-	-	4	19	90	267	331	215	91	41	17	6	2	3	-	-	1,086		
VII...	B....	-	-	-	-	2	16	53	126	146	126	58	21	5	1	1	-	-	555		
	G....	-	-	-	-	4	30	93	251	265	210	96	45	14	6	-	-	-	1,014		
VIII...	B....	-	-	-	-	-	1	21	37	115	121	97	58	24	5	3	1	6	489		
	G....	-	-	-	-	-	8	32	115	294	274	208	97	27	12	6	5	8	1,086		
IX...	B....	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	32	111	252	260	163	62	29	11	5	22	951		
	G....	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	63	301	448	424	301	103	36	9	6	10	1,707		
X...	B....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	86	224	233	171	57	18	14	22	852		
	G....	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	58	238	403	354	216	47	29	14	22	1,390		
XI...	B....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	14	75	167	211	130	45	28	44	716		
	G....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	56	262	289	286	164	39	20	28	1,154		
XII...	B....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	44	88	81	64	27	28	343		
	G....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	32	162	159	103	52	20	18	553		
Spec..	B....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	17	25	48	58	44	15	17	230		
	G....	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	30	80	121	219	105	44	35	19	664		
Total...	B....	229	591	704	789	811	846	790	729	757	795	826	736	610	365	185	91	139	10,002		
	G....	310	833	952	1,014	1,080	1,076	1,035	1,182	1,357	1,439	1,583	1,401	1,034	475	183	100	106	15,160		
Total...		539	1,424	1,656	1,803	1,891	1,922	1,825	1,911	2,114	2,234	2,409	2,137	1,652	840	369	192	245	25,162		
																			Unclassified by grades .....	Boys ..	2,912
																				Girls..	4,115
																			Unclassified by grades and sex .....		27
																			Grand Total.....		32,216

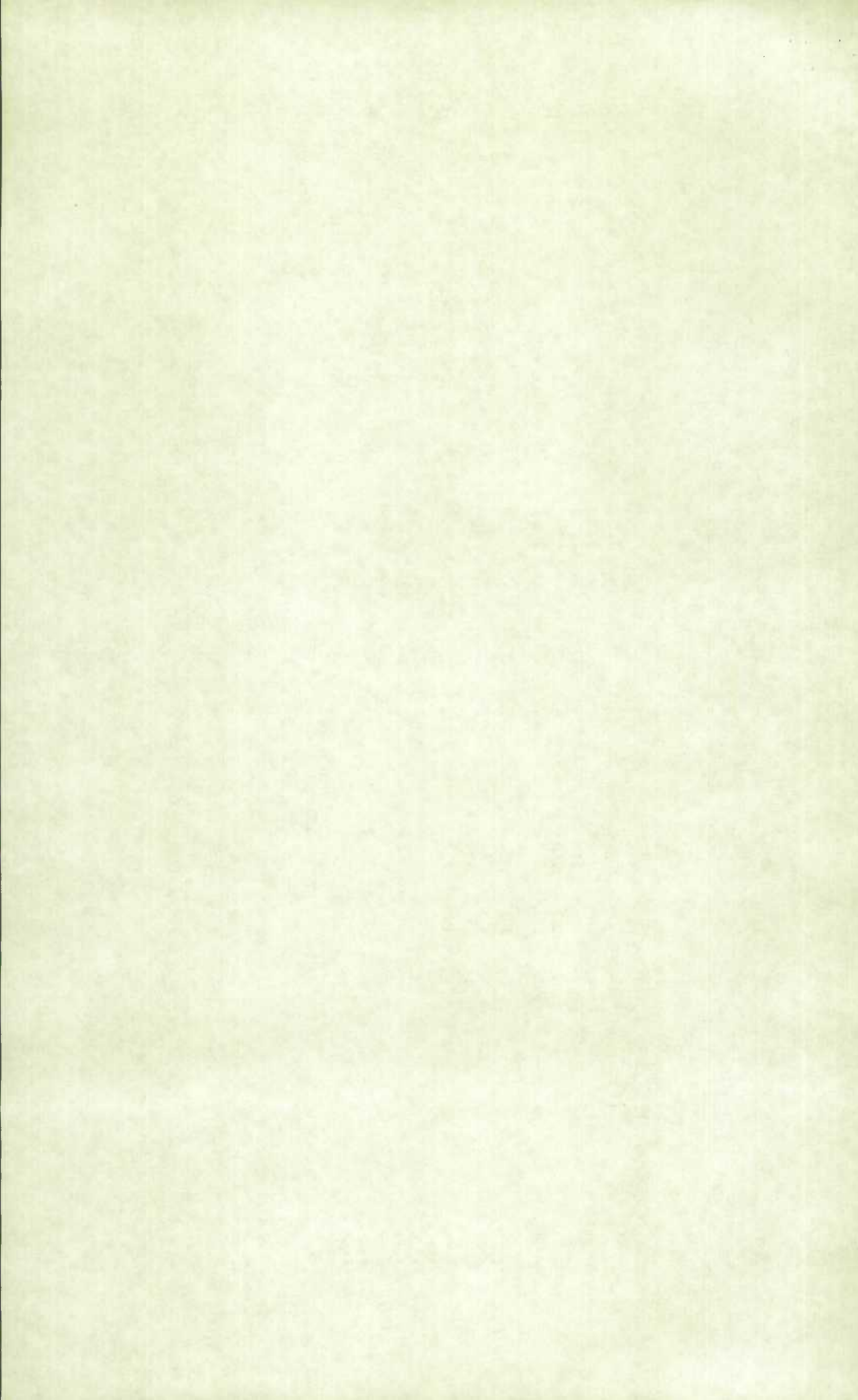




TABLE III PRIVATE BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL SCHOOLS (BUSINESS COLLEGES) IN CANADA: STUDENTS ENROLLED, STUDENTS GRADUATING, AND

	Number of Schools	Students enrolled									Students receiving diplomas			Teachers		
		In all classes			In day classes			In night classes			Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total						
Prince Ed. Island....	3	56	138	194	35	114	149	21	24	45	36	87	123	4	3	7
Halifax.....	3	148	400	548	92	334	426	56	66	122	18	87	105	5	15	20
Other Nova Scotia....	4	48	191	239	25	125	150	23	66	89	3	57	60	2	6	8
Total Nova Scotia..	7	196	591	787	117	459	576	79	132	211	21	144	165	7	21	28
St. John .....	3	68	140	208	40	97	137	28	43	71	20	55	75	2	3	5
Other New Brunswick..	5	147	386	533	89	304	393	58	82	140	41	140	181	3	10	13
Total New Brunswick	8	215	526	741	129	401	530	86	125	211	61	195	256	5	13	18
Montreal.....	17	942	1,814	2,756	528	1,180	1,808	414	534	948	231	579	810	28	46	74
Other Quebec.....	5	185	165	350	145	63	208	40	102	142	69	89	158	9	10	19
Total Quebec.....	22	1,127	1,979	3,106	673	1,243	2,016	454	636	1,090	300	668	968	37	56	93
Toronto.....	21	1,183	3,777	4,960	628	2,541	3,169	555	1,236	1,791	246	700	946	29	65	94
Hamilton .....	4	251	687	938	127	521	648	124	166	290	13	52	65	7	15	22
Ottawa .....	5	402	1,090	1,492	211	692	903	191	398	589	145	454	599	7	16	23
Other Ontario.....	60	1,955	4,649	6,604	1,315	3,483	4,798	640	1,166	1,806	625	1,597	2,222	66	103	169
Total Ontario.....	90	3,791	10,203	13,994	2,281	7,237	9,518	1,510	2,966	4,476	1,029	2,803	3,832	109	199	308
Winnipeg .....	6	1,062	2,244	3,306	343	1,457	1,800	696	810	1,506	88	327	415	24	38	62
Other Manitoba.....	3	70	169	239	42	138	180	28	31	59	19	58	77	1	4	5
Total Manitoba.....	9	1,132	2,413	3,545	385	1,595	1,980	724	841	1,565	107	385	492	25	42	67
Regina .....	5	128	386	514	67	285	352	61	101	162	42	142	184	3	6	9
Saskatoon .....	3	134	472	606	76	370	446	58	102	160	23	122	145	6	10	16
Other Saskatchewan...	8	99	393	492	53	302	355	45	92	137	40	171	211	5	9	14
Total Saskatchewan.	16	361	1,251	1,612	196	957	1,153	164	295	459	105	435	540	14	25	39
Total Alberta.....	5	879	1,425	2,304	522	870	1,392	357	555	912	(no record)			17	35	52
Vancouver.....	6	518	1,276	1,794	399	985	1,384	119	291	410	72	257	329	13	26	39
Victoria.....	5	184	395	579	93	280	373	91	115	206	-	16	16	4	5	9
Other British Columbia	11	126	338	464	67	258	325	59	80	139	29	127	156	7	12	19
Total Br.Columbia..	22	828	2,009	2,837	559	1,523	2,082	269	486	755	101	400	501	24	43	67
Total Canada .....	182	8,585	20,535	29,120	4,897	14,399	19,296	3,664	6,060	9,724	1,760	15,117	6,877	242	437	679





TABLE IV - Private Business and Commercial Schools (Business Colleges) in Canada: Courses followed by students in 1930.

	Stenographic				Commercial				Secretarial				Other		
	Male	Female	Total	Months	Male	Female	Total	Months	Male	Female	Total	Months	Male	Female	Total
Prince Ed. Island.....	10	113	123	-	35	12	47	-	-	-	-	-	11	13	24
Halifax.....	25	328	353	-	117	15	132	-	6	57	-63	-	-	-	-
Other Nova Scotia.....	-	56	56	-	44	2	46	-	4	128	132	-	-	-	-
Total Nova Scotia....	25	384	409	8.0	161	17	178	6.1	10	185	195	9.7	-	-	-
St. John .....	15	105	120	6.3	27	8	35	6.6	26	27	53	10.0	-	-	-
Other New Brunswick....	26	200	226	7.4	43	2	45	7.0	38	109	147	10.4	-	-	-
Total New Brunswick..	41	305	346	-	70	10	80	-	64	136	200	-	-	-	-
Montreal .....	265	954	1,219	6.7	130	124	254	6.8	316	582	898	9.4	231	154	385
Other Quebec .....	37	101	138	6.6	42	12	54	7.8	80	28	108	11.5	26	24	50
Total Quebec.....	302	1,055	1,357	-	172	136	308	-	396	610	1,006	-	257	178	435
Toronto .....	455	2,824	3,279	8.5	295	200	495	9.2	189	540	729	11.5	135	95	230
Hamilton.....	17	357	374	8.4	119	19	138	8.3	66	241	307	11.0	49	53	102
Ottawa.....	179	992	1,171	6.3	212	34	246	7.0	-	-	-	-	11	64	75
Other Ontario.....	513	2,920	3,433	7.7	864	194	1,058	6.5	500	1,277	1,777	10.6	90	235	325
Total Ontario.....	1,164	7,093	8,257	-	1,490	447	1,937	-	755	2,058	2,813	-	285	447	732
Winnipeg.....	199	850	1,049	7.8	303	293	596	6.4	41	163	204	11.0	419 <sup>1/</sup>	938 <sup>1/</sup>	1,357 <sup>1/</sup>
Other Manitoba.....	46	164	210	-	24	5	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Manitoba.....	245	1,014	1,259	-	327	298	625	-	41	163	204	-	419	938	1,357
Regina .....	46	242	288	7.5	64	20	84	7.0	7	102	109	11.0	11	22	33
Saskatoon .....	28	291	319	7.7	81	33	114	7.5	12	131	143	9.5	13	9	22
Other Saskatchewan....	34	270	304	7.3	46	12	58	6.1	7	96	103	9.4	12	30	42
Total Saskatchewan...	108	803	911	-	191	65	256	-	26	329	355	-	36	61	97
Total Alberta .....	132	667	799	-	300	307	607	-	118	310	428	-	329	141	470
Vancouver.....	275	1,025	1,300	8.7	33	15	48	-	60	105	165	10.0	95	145	240
Victoria.....	32	248	280	6.7	83	14	97	6.9	15	69	84	9.0	54	64	118
Other British Columbia	58	246	304	8.3	53	37	90	8.9	11	93	104	10.0	4	7	11
Total Br. Columbia....	365	1,519	1,884	-	169	66	235	-	86	267	353	-	153	216	369
Total CANADA.....	2,382	12,953	15,335	-	2,915	1,358	4,273	-	1,496	4,058	5,554	-	1,490	1,994	3,484

General note:- "Stenographic" courses are those in which shorthand and typewriting are the chief subjects; "commercial" are those in which bookkeeping or accounting is the chief study; "secretarial" includes courses reported as complete business training and similar terms, usually combining most of the subjects in the "stenographic" and "commercial" courses as is reflected in the column "months". The figures in this column represent the average number of months required by a student to complete the course with regular day-time attendance.

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PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN CANADA, 1931

Private elementary and secondary schools in Canada (excepting Quebec) enrolled 33,973 students in 1931. The schools numbered 292, of which 66 were girls' schools, 52 were boys' schools, and 174 were mixed. Almost a third of the pupils lived in residence. Of the total there were 19,890 in elementary grades, 11,223 in secondary grades, and 2,860 others, most of whom were doing special work at the high school level. If the high school students in the preparatory departments of arts colleges are added, the number is raised from 11,223 to 16,143, which means that about 9 p.c. of pupils following academic high school courses in the eight provinces are in private schools. The table below summarizes the information for individual provinces. Figures for Quebec are not available for 1931 but in 1930 there were in that province 524 private or independent schools with 57,841 pupils.

	No. of Schools	Pupils		Grades			Total
		Boys	Girls	Elem.	Sec.	Special	
P.E. Island	5	59	467	452	49	25	526
Nova Scotia	16	933	1,813	1,842	757	147	2,746
New Brunswick	25	1,516	2,415	2,478	653	713	3,931
Ontario	85	4,200	6,730	4,310	6,093	773	11,196
Manitoba	39	2,722	2,412	4,768	443	15	5,294
Saskatchewan	37	989	1,360	1,243	1,089	17	2,349
Alberta	31	1,368	1,576	1,344	745	855	2,944
British Columbia	54	2,044	2,896	3,453	1,394	97	4,987
<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>13,831</b>	<b>19,669</b>	<b>19,890</b>	<b>11,223</b>	<b>2,642</b>	<b>33,973</b>
<b>Total Colleges</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3,949</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,920</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,920</b>

Note:- Where boys and girls, or elementary, secondary and special do not add to the total, the difference is those unspecified by sex or grade.

Attendance is more regular in private schools than in public, a natural consequence of the pupils being older, and many of them boarding at school. The average daily is 84 p.c. of the year's enrolment where it is 77 p.c. in public schools. By 20-day intervals they compare as follows:-

	Private	Public
Less than 20 days	1.49	2.47
20-39 days	2.01	4.51
40-59 "	2.60	4.20
60-79 "	2.86	3.26
80-99 "	2.60	2.78
100-119 "	3.24	4.00
120-139 "	4.40	4.92
140-159 "	9.16	8.73
160-179 "	25.59	21.25
180-199 "	38.70	43.02
200 days and over	7.35	.86

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