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Summary of the Census of Training Schools, 1951

This memorandum contains a summary of the results of the 1951 Census of Training Schools. Inclusive in it are movement of population figures for the year January 1 to December 31st, 1950, a financial statement and certain data related to the pupils in residence on June 1st, 1951.

Returns were received from 15 Training Schools for boys and 12 for girls, located in nine provinces.

Training Schools

	Schools			Schools			Schools	
	Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls
Newfoundland	1	1	Quebec	3	2	Saskatchewan	1	0
Nova Scotia	2	2	Ontario	5	2	Alberta	0	1
New Brunswick	1	1	Manitoba	1	2	British Columbia	1	1

Ten of the schools for boys were administered by the provinces, five by religious orders, one by a Church diocese and one by a board of directors. Eight of the schools for girls were administered by religious orders and four were under provincial authority.

The following table shows the source of financial support received by 22 of the schools.

Revenues

Schools	Maintenance Payments and Grants			Campaigns donations bequests	Sale of farm and industrial products	Other revenue*	Total
	Provincial	Municipal	Other				
Boys	1, 237, 154	201, 133	6, 076	43, 303	69, 135	46, 426	1, 603, 227
Girls	441, 332	63, 669	2, 840	20, 213	15, 454	81, 311	624, 819
Total	1, 678, 486	264, 802	8, 916	63, 516	84, 589	127, 737	2, 228, 046

* Mainly perquisites, interest on invested funds, rentals, rebates, discounts and laundry work.

The assets of the schools that completed financial reports were largely land, buildings and equipment (83.6 p.c.). Inventory and supplies accounted for 3.3 p.c., investments 4.1 p.c., accounts and grants receivable and cash 2.5 p.c. and other assets 3 p.c.

The schools for boys had 494 full time and 48 part time officers, teachers and employees while the girls schools had 206 full time and 69 part time staff members.

Movement of Population — Training Schools — 1950

Pupils	Juveniles in residence January 1, 1950	Total admissions	New commitments or admissions	Returned from parole				Held for disposition of case	Transferred from other training school or penal institution	Total discharges and deaths	Placements							Away without leave	Deceased	Juveniles in residence December 31, 1950	Total in residence during the year	Total day's stay during the year
				Unsatisfactory parole	For replacement	For further training	Other				Own home	Boarding home	Employment	Institution for mental defective	Other training school or penal institution	Not committed	Other					
Boys.....	1, 559	1, 558	1, 240	110	36	76	34	25	37	1, 489	847	109	211	19	179	9	32	80	3	1, 628	3, 117	546, 110
Girls.....	730	692	612	29	16	18	3	9	5	688	358	34	156	23	32	36	27	21	1	734	1, 422	264, 980
Total	2, 289	2, 250	1, 852	139	52	94	37	34	42	2, 177	1, 205	143	367	42	211	45	59	101	4	2, 362	4, 539	811, 090

Note: Year of financial report:
13 schools — Jan. 1, 1950 to Dec. 31, 1950; 2 schools — Mar. 1, 1949 to Apr. 1, 1950; 4 schools — Mar. 1, 1950 to Apr. 1, 1951; 1 school — Oct. 1, 1949 to Sept. 30, 1950; 1 school — Nov. 1, 1949 to Oct. 31, 1950; 1 school — Dec. 1, 1949 to Mar. 31, 1951 (16 months).

TRAINING SCHOOLS

The Census count showed 2,390 pupils in Training Schools on June 1st, 1951 (boys 1,713, girls 677).

The age on admission ranged from 4 to 18 years but those younger than seven were protection cases. For boys 14 years and for girls 15 years were the predominate ages at the time of admission. On June 1st, 1951 there were no pupils under 7 years of age in training schools. More than half of the pupils were in the age group of 14 to 16 years. Only 6.3 p.c. of the boys were 17 years or over but 23.6 p.c. of the girls were reported to be in this young adult group.

Family neglect and a need for protection brought 5.1 p.c. of the boys and 29.4 p.c. of the girls to these training schools. The remainder had been committed by the Courts for some delinquency. The offences charged against more than three

quarters of the boys were theft, burglary, house and shop breaking and incorrigibility. Three out of five of the delinquent girls were incorrigible, a term which covers a variety of misdemeanours.

Presuming that six is the usual age for entering school (grade 1), at the time of admission only one in every five boys and one in four girls had the corresponding standard for their age. At the time 8.8 p.c. of the boys were employed. They had left school mainly from grades IV to VII; the majority were 14 and 15 years of age. Nearly half the girls (48.9 p.c.) had left school chiefly from grades V to VIII and like the boys the majority were 14 and 15 years of age. No occupation was recorded for 40 of the girls (28.4 p.c.) from which it may be inferred that they were not gainfully employed.

Reason for Commitment, School Grade and Residence by Age on Admission and Sex

	Age on Admission																							
	Total		8 years and under		9 years		10 years		11 years		12 years		13 years		14 years		15 years		16 years		17 years and more		Not stated	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Total pupils	1,713	677	23	19	57	7	81	17	124	27	209	44	272	95	375	160	362	178	148	63	48	67	14	-
Reason for commitment:																								
Neglect and protection.....	87	199	3	12	3	4	4	6	6	12	11	26	16	27	25	37	9	32	5	17	2	26	3	-
Offences against the person	38	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	8	1	4	-	13	1	6	-	3	-	-	-
Offences against property:																								
Burglary, house and shop breaking	267	2	-	-	5	-	10	-	14	-	28	-	43	-	67	-	68	2	23	-	7	-	2	-
Theft.....	648	43	7	1	13	1	25	1	48	2	72	4	97	9	141	9	157	12	60	2	24	2	4	-
Theft of motor cars.....	35	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	11	-	11	-	6	-	2	-	-	-
Wilful damage	19	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	2	-	4	-	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other	31	6	1	-	2	-	2	-	3	-	4	1	2	-	4	-	8	4	4	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences:																								
Incorrigibility.....	360	329	7	3	24	2	25	10	30	9	54	4	63	48	80	91	55	97	16	35	4	30	2	-
Immorality.....	20	36	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	2	1	4	5	10	7	9	1	5	2	5	-	-
Truancy	130	35	4	2	8	-	11	-	16	4	26	6	31	4	19	7	11	12	3	-	-	-	1	-
Vagrancy	39	15	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	1	2	1	6	2	7	5	15	2	2	4	1	-
Other	39	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	3	1	9	4	11	4	8	1	1	-	1	-
School grade last attended:																								
Grades I to IV.....	531	150	21	12	52	6	73	10	87	13	96	20	66	23	51	31	51	14	15	11	12	10	7	-
Grades V to VIII.....	1,055	417	-	2	4	1	6	5	37	13	110	22	200	66	298	111	257	118	107	40	29	39	7	-
Grades IX to XIII	102	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	23	13	47	37	25	10	7	16	-	-
Auxiliary class	18	8	1	1	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	6	-	2	2	5	3	-	-	-	1	-	-
Grade not stated	7	24	1	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	-	4	1	3	2	6	1	2	-	1	-	-
Province of residence:																								
Newfoundland	52	12	-	-	-	-	3	1	7	-	12	3	10	2	6	4	13	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	131	106	4	4	9	3	11	2	9	7	15	9	19	15	29	28	30	36	3	2	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	50	44	-	3	1	-	9	1	8	3	13	3	5	11	12	8	2	6	-	1	-	8	-	-
Quebec	587	236	5	7	11	4	16	7	40	11	59	21	87	25	119	43	131	40	84	38	33	40	2	-
Ontario	670	198	14	5	36	-	41	6	56	6	89	7	118	38	158	61	124	69	22	4	2	2	10	-
Manitoba	96	42	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	11	1	12	2	24	8	20	15	19	8	6	8	-	-
Saskatchewan	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	6	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-
British Columbia	105	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	15	-	21	6	34	9	19	7	7	7	-	-

Of those whose birthplace was recorded, all but 20 were born in Canada and all but five had lived in Canada for more than five years. A large majority of the parents were Canadian born but of those whose place of birth was recorded 10.7 p.c. of the pupils had a father and 8.9 p.c. a mother born in another country.

16.3 p.c. of the boys and 24.4 p.c. of the girls were wards of either a Children's Aid Society or a provincial authority. Almost half of these boys (48.4 p.c.) and more than a third of these girls (37 p.c.) were permanent wards so that their natural parents, if they were still alive, no longer had any authority over them.

TRAINING SCHOOLS

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This was the first commitment for nine out of ten of both the boys and girls. In many cases an indefinite sentence was given without stating any length of stay. In this way pupils are supervised until they are ready to take their place in their community or until home circumstances are such as to afford

more satisfactory living conditions. The usual length of residence at the time of the Census was between a year and a year and a half, however, at that date at least 26.7 p.c. of the girls and 14.8 p.c. of the boys had been institutionalized for over two years.

Previous Commitments by Sex and Length of Time in Training Schools

Previous Commitments	Length of Time in Training Schools																			
	Total		Under 3 months		3 and under 6 months		6 and under 12 months		12 and under 18 months		18 months and under 2 years		2 and under 3 years		3 and under 5 years		5 years and more		Unstated time	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Total Pupils.....	1,713	677	210	81	191	72	295	146	237	123	113	68	151	89	79	64	24	28	413	6
None	1,526	625	209	78	183	71	268	140	203	115	84	65	101	85	54	50	15	20	409	1
One	151	34	1	3	6	1	26	5	31	6	24	2	37	3	16	9	7	3	3	2
Two	24	11	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	4	1	11	—	4	4	2	3	—	—
Three and more	10	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	1	5	1	—	2	—	—
Not stated.....	2	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3

Tables showing marital status of the parents and home conditions at the time of admission give some indication of the background from which these children came.

Marital Status of Parents by Sex of Pupils

Sex of Pupils	Total	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed	One unknown	Both unknown	Both deceased	Not stated
Total	2,390	1,322	481	45	391	67	36	43	5
Boys	1,713	1,036	334	28	230	35	23	25	2
Girls	677	286	147	17	161	32	13	18	3

Living Conditions of Pupils at Time of Admission by Sex

	Total	With own parents	With other relations	In foster home	In institution	Other conditions	Not stated
Total	2,390	1,806	182	162	156	48	36
Boys	1,713	1,386	98	101	92	13	23
Girls	677	420	84	61	64	35	13

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