

According to "Educational Statistics" for 1915-16, p. IX, the Quebec enrolment figures are as follows:

Year	Catholic	Protestant
First . . . . .	155,378	14,756
Second . . . . .	97,947	8,843
Third . . . . .	75,241	8,377
Fourth . . . . .	44,045	8,142
Fifth . . . . .	17,468	6,464
Sixth . . . . .	8,972	4,610
Seventh . . . . .	4,180	3,756
Eighth . . . . .	2,117	1,711
Ninth . . . . .		1,293
Tenth . . . . .		731
Eleventh . . . . .		416

The Head of the Bureau of Statistics, in the summary from which these numbers are taken, comments on the large number enrolled in the first year, and goes on to say: "But as we pass to the subsequent years of the primary course a striking decrease is noted and the number of pupils enrolled in the model course is relatively insignificant as compared with that of the elementary course and the same applies *a fortiori* to the pupils in Academies. It would perhaps," he says apologetically, "be advisable to add here, as a corrective, that a

**PROTESTANT SCHOOLS:—**

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Enrolment . . . . .	14,756	8,843	8,377	8,142	6,464	4,610	3,756

**ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:—**

Years of course	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Enrolment . . . . .	155,378	97,947	75,241	44,045	17,465

**ONTARIO:—**

Readers	Primer	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Enrolment according to	131,844	72,898	102,972	100,023	90,050

As far as we can judge, the education obtained by the completion of the 7th grade of the Quebec Protestant Schools, the Fifth Year of the Syllabus of the Catholic Schools

great many pupils following the model and academy course attend independent schools such as colleges and convents." The latter remarks will apply chiefly to Catholics; there are very few Protestant children in academies that are not under Government inspection. And the total enrolment in Roman Catholic Classical Colleges in 1915-16 was only 7,096. The fact remains that the children of the masses are getting their education in the schools under control (X). Compare these figures with similar ones from Ontario for 1915; they are for the public schools only and do not include either high or continuation schools.

Primer . . . . .	131,844
First Reader . . . . .	72,898
Second Reader . . . . .	102,972
Third Reader . . . . .	100,023
Fourth Reader . . . . .	90,050
Fifth Reader and beyond . . . . .	7,287

In most schools the Fifth Reader is not used at all; the general procedure is to pass directly from the Fourth Reader to the High School.

For ease in comparison these figures are presented in tabular form below.

and the 4th Reader of the Ontario Schools would approximately correspond. The table enables the reader to judge as to which system retains its pupils the more successfully.

**Proportion of Pupils in Various Grades in Several Provinces as compared with the Number in Grade II (In Elementary Schools only. (XX))**

Grades	II Yr.	III Yr.	IV Yr.	V Yr.	VI Yr.	VII Yr.	VIII Yr.	Date
Quebec . . . . .	100 p.c.	87.7 p.c.	82.5 p.c.	60.1 p.c.	37.4 p.c.	22.1 p.c.	15.3 p.c.	1916
N. S. . . . .	100 p.c.	92.5 p.c.	93.0 p.c.	84.2 p.c.	71.8 p.c.	51.8 p.c.	40.9 p.c.	1916
Alberta . . . . .	100 p.c.	108.2 p.c.	92.8 p.c.	74.3 p.c.	64.5 p.c.	46.8 p.c.	47.8 p.c.	1916

(X) These enrolment figures for the different grades of the Catholic course include 41,031 children enrolled in Independent Schools, as follows: Independent Elementary Schools 5,535, Independent Model Schools 10,167, Independent Academies 25,329. Practically all these schools report their statistics to the Department.

(XX) In order not to be unfair to our own province an adjustment has been made. Some time ago a sub-committee of the Catholic Committee recommended that their course should be rearranged so that the syllabi of grades 1 and, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, should become those of grades 1, 2 and 3; 4, 5 and 6; 7, 8 and 9 respectively. This was in order that the grades might approximate years of school work. Hence the enrolment for grades 1 and 2; 3 and 4; 5 and 6 was redistributed

among a series of hypothetical grades 1, 2 and 3; 4, 5 and 6; 7, 8 and 9. Any one who is not satisfied with the apportionment of the enrolment may make the comparison from the statistics as they are given in the report, when the percents will show no less to our advantage, or make an adjustment for himself, under the following limitations. The number of pupils in the first grade is invariably very much larger than that of grade two; in the other provinces it varies from 180 p.c. to 220 p.c. of grade two; We have taken it as 185 p.c. The other limitation is that the pupils of grades 1 and 2 of the report must form the enrolment for grades 1, 2 and 3; those of grades 3 and 4 the enrolment for grades 4, 5 and 6; etc. To the figures for these readjusted grades the enrolment figures for the Protestants schools have been added and the percent worked out.