

The grade system consists of Grades 1 to 11, with provision for some kindergartens. Graduation from Grade 11 constitutes matriculation to Memorial University, where a first degree may be obtained after completion of a four-year course of studies.

Denominations in order of number of schools controlled include: Anglican, Roman Catholic, United Church and Presbyterian, Salvation Army, Pentecostal Assemblies, and Seventh Day Adventist.

In 1965-66, there were 69 boards each serving 500 pupils or more, and 201 boards each serving fewer than 500 pupils. The Report of the Royal Commission on Education and Youth, published in 1967, pointed out the defects of small school districts serving few pupils and recommended that the entire province be divided into about 35 consolidated districts, amalgamation taking place within and across denominations. Some implementation of this recommendation is now in progress.

In northern Newfoundland and Labrador, about 10 per cent of the population are Indian and Eskimo, the ratio being 3 to 1 in favour of the Eskimos. Schooling is conducted by the same denominations that operate throughout the province; however, most of the Indians are taught at Catholic, and most of the Eskimos at Moravian, missions. Also, some education work is carried on by the International Grenfell Association in co-operation with several school-boards.

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Prince Edward Island

Population: 108,535 (1966).

School enrolment: 28,415.

University enrolment (full-time): 924.

Grade system: 1 to 12 with provision for some kindergartens. Graduation from Grade 12 constitutes matriculation to Prince of Wales College or St. Dunstan's University. A first degree may be obtained after completion of a four-year course of studies.

The schools are non-sectarian. Reading of the Bible without comment is permitted, but attendance at such religious exercises is not compulsory.

The school-year consists of 200 teaching days, less days allowed for teachers' meetings. School attendance is compulsory for children from 7 to 15. Examinations for Grade 12 are set and evaluated by the Atlantic Provinces Examining Board.

A candidate for a teacher's licence must be at least 17 years of age and have completed a training course at an approved university or teachers college within the Atlantic Provinces.

