

The provisions of the Education Amendment Act, 1910, require every child between the ages of seven and fourteen years (with certain exemptions) to attend a public school whenever it is open. There is no doubt that the influence of this law has resulted in the still further increase in the percentage of average attendance.

The average daily attendance in actual numbers and as a percentage of the average weekly roll number, for each quarter of the years 1912 and 1913 was as follows :—

				Average Attendance.		Per Cent. of Roll.	
				1912.	1913.	1912.	1913.
First quarter	..	..	..	146,395	151,223	90·2	90·5
Second quarter	..	..	..	144,854	151,057	88·6	89·7
Third quarter	..	..	..	144,475	149,218	87·7	87·9
Fourth quarter	..	..	..	149,402	153,471	89·3	88·6
Whole year	..	..	..	146,282	151,242	88·9	89·2

The figures given above represent those in attendance at all public schools including district high schools.

The following figures represent the total number of children in average attendance at schools giving primary instruction subject to inspection.

				1912.	1913.
Public schools	..	..	..	146,282	151,242
Native village schools	..	..	..	4,042	4,142
Chatham Island schools	..	..	..	79	82
Private primary schools	..	..	..	12,086	13,513
Lower departments of secondary schools	..	..	..	258	307
Special schools	..	..	..	801	780
Totals	..	..	..	163,548	170,066
Less secondary departments of district high schools	..	..	..	1,851	1,883
Total average attendance of primary scholars	..	..	..	161,697	168,183

### AGE AND SEX OF PUPILS.

(E.—2.—Table C1.)

Table C shows the age and sex of the pupils on the rolls of the public schools of the Dominion at the end of 1913, and the percentage of the roll for each age.

TABLE C.—AGE AND SEX OF PUPILS, DECEMBER, 1913.

Ages.				1913.			Percentages for Five Years.				
				Boys.	Girls.	Total.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
5 and under 6 years	..	..	..	7,318	6,515	13,833	8·7	8·4	8·4	7·9	8·0
6	"	7	..	9,499	8,835	18,334	10·8	11·2	11·1	10·9	10·6
7	"	8	..	10,476	9,819	20,295	11·6	11·5	12·0	11·9	11·8
8	"	9	..	10,573	9,696	20,269	11·4	11·4	11·5	11·9	11·8
9	"	10	..	10,486	9,585	20,071	11·2	11·3	11·1	11·2	11·7
10	"	11	..	9,622	9,174	18,796	10·7	10·9	10·9	10·8	10·9
11	"	12	..	9,449	8,683	18,132	10·6	10·2	10·5	10·7	10·5
12	"	13	..	9,035	8,442	17,477	10·2	10·0	9·6	10·2	10·2
13	"	14	..	7,593	6,825	14,418	8·5	8·5	8·4	8·2	8·4
14	"	15	..	4,080	3,279	7,359	4·3	4·5	4·5	4·3	4·3
				88,131	80,853	168,984	98·0	97·9	98·0	98·0	98·2
15 and over	..	..	..	1,730	1,454	3,184	2·0	2·1	2·0	2·0	1·8
Totals	..	..	..	89,861	82,307	172,168	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

Table B on page 6 gives fuller information as to age and sex.

*Age.*—54 per cent. of the children are under ten, and 46 per cent. are over that age. The proportion remains stationary.

*Sex.*—In December, 1913, for every 100 boys on the roll there were 91 girls. During the last few years there has been very little change in the proportion. The census returns for 1911 disclosed the fact that there were 100 boys between five and