

are inspected by officers of Education Boards. The following are the particulars in regard to these schools for the year 1911:—

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Total number of schools inspected .. .. .         | 183    |
| Total roll number .. .. .                         | 15,914 |
| Average attendance .. .. .                        | 14,084 |
| Total roll at annual examination .. .. .          | 15,404 |
| Number present at annual examination .. .. .      | 14,233 |
| Number present in preparatory classes .. .. .     | 5,774  |
| Number present in S6 .. .. .                      | 928    |
| Number present in S7 .. .. .                      | 244    |
| Number of proficiency certificates issued .. .. . | 581    |
| Number of competency certificates issued .. .. .  | 174    |

The standard of regularity of attendance was very satisfactory, being 88·5 per cent. of the total roll number.

### *Classification and Examination.*

Table D is a summary for the whole Dominion of Table D1 in E.-2, which shows the numbers in the several classes for the various districts. The proportion of pupils in the preparatory classes is still steadily increasing. In 1909 it was 36·66 per cent., in 1910, 37·15 per cent. in 1911, 37·30 per cent.

TABLE D.—CLASSIFICATION OF PUPILS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1911.

| Classes.        | Boys.  | Girls. | Total.  | Percentages for Five Years. |        |        |        |        |
|-----------------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                 |        |        |         | 1907.                       | 1908.  | 1909.  | 1910.  | 1911.  |
| Class P .. .. . | 32,034 | 28,266 | 60,300  | 31·11                       | 34·27  | 36·66  | 37·15  | 37·30  |
| " S1 .. .. .    | 10,334 | 9,610  | 19,944  | 12·05                       | 11·96  | 12·25  | 12·17  | 12·34  |
| " S2 .. .. .    | 9,895  | 9,340  | 19,235  | 12·10                       | 11·61  | 11·82  | 11·94  | 11·90  |
| " S3 .. .. .    | 9,715  | 9,019  | 18,734  | 12·04                       | 11·98  | 11·34  | 11·44  | 11·59  |
| " S4 .. .. .    | 8,899  | 8,044  | 16,943  | 11·46                       | 11·20  | 10·78  | 10·39  | 10·48  |
| " S5 .. .. .    | 7,344  | 6,756  | 14,100  | 10·24                       | 9·65   | 9·08   | 9·10   | 8·72   |
| " S6 .. .. .    | 5,223  | 4,809  | 10,032  | 7·79                        | 6·87   | 6·56   | 6·16   | 6·21   |
| " S7 .. .. .    | 1,118  | 1,242  | 2,360   | 3·21                        | 2·46   | 1·51   | 1·65   | 1·46   |
| Totals .. .. .  | 84,562 | 77,086 | 161,648 | 100·00                      | 100·00 | 100·00 | 100·00 | 100·00 |

More detailed information in regard to the classification of pupils can be obtained on reference to Table B appearing on page 5. A study of this Table shows how much quicker girls pass through the standards than do boys. It will also be noticed that a larger proportion of girls than boys remain in Standard VII.

The following is a summary of the examination statistics for 1911:—

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Total roll at time of annual examination .. .. . | 162,536 |
| Present at examination .. .. .                   | 155,244 |
| Present in preparatory classes .. .. .           | 56,770  |
| Present in classes S6 .. .. .                    | 9,742   |
| Present in classes S7 .. .. .                    | 1,757   |
| Standard VI certificates gained, viz.,—          |         |
| Certificates of proficiency .. .. .              | 7,212   |
| " competency .. .. .                             | 1,808   |
|  | 9,020   |

Details of these figures for each district are given in Table D2 of the Primary Education Report.

*Average Age.*—The average ages of the pupils in the several classes for the two years 1910–11 were as follows:—

|                              |     |     |     | 1910. |      | 1911. |      |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|------|
|                              |     |     |     | Yrs.  | mos. | Yrs.  | mos. |
| Preparatory classes .. .. .  | ... | ... | ... | 7     | 0    | 7     | 1    |
| Class S1 .. .. .             | ... | ... | ... | 9     | 2    | 9     | 1    |
| " S2 .. .. .                 | ... | ... | ... | 10    | 2    | 10    | 2    |
| " S3 .. .. .                 | ... | ... | ... | 11    | 3    | 11    | 3    |
| " S4 .. .. .                 | ... | ... | ... | 12    | 3    | 12    | 2    |
| " S5 .. .. .                 | ... | ... | ... | 13    | 1    | 13    | 2    |
| " S6 .. .. .                 | ... | ... | ... | 14    | 0    | 13    | 11   |
| " S7 .. .. .                 | ... | ... | ... | 15    | 0    | 15    | 0    |
| Mean of average ages .. .. . | ... | ... | ... | 9     | 10   | 9     | 9    |

Details for the several districts will be found in Table D3 of E.-2.