

## CLASSES OTHER THAN CLASSES AT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

Classes were held in 151 centres, seventeen less than last year. The number of classes and the number of individual students in attendance were as follow :—

Description of Class.	Number of Classes.		Number of Students.	
	1915.	1916.	1915.	1916.
(a) Conducted by Education or High School Boards ..	1,016	1,058	10,616	10,169
(b) Conducted by Technical School Boards or by Managers	636	678	6,855	6,699
(c) Conducted by University Colleges .. .. .	165	179	776	718
Totals .. .. .	1,817	1,915	18,247	17,586

Of the above groups classes of the (a) group continued to be the most numerous and the most widely distributed. Most of the classes in remote centres belong to this group. Classes of the (b) group, though held at a relatively small number of centres (thirty in all, including subcentres), constitute most of the largest and best-equipped schools in the Dominion. Classes of the (c) group are held at three of the four largest centres, and include some classes not of University rank.

Following are some particulars of the ages, sex, and occupations of students :—

—	Seventeen Years of Age and Under.		Over Seventeen Years of Age.		Totals.	
	1915.	1916.	1915.	1916.	1915.	1916.
Males .. .. .	3,948	4,620	5,142	3,991	9,090	8,611
Females .. .. .	3,361	4,007	5,796	4,968	9,157	8,975
Totals .. .. .	7,309	8,627	10,938	8,959	18,247	17,586

## SUMMARY OF OCCUPATIONS OF STUDENTS.

	Number of Students.	Percentage of Total.
Clerical pursuits .. .. .	2,207	12·5
Professional pursuits .. .. .	2,382	13·5
Students .. .. .	3,290	18·7
Domestic pursuits .. .. .	3,179	18·1
Agricultural pursuits .. .. .	1,207	6·9
Various trades and industries .. .. .	4,952	28·2
Other occupations not included in above .. .. .	369	2·1
	17,586	100·0

It will be noticed that, while there was an increase of about 15 per cent. in the number of students under seventeen years of age, there was a decrease of about 18 per cent. in the number over that age, due, of course, to enlistments and the demand for women to fill vacancies caused thereby. Of the total number of male students, 46 per cent. were over seventeen years of age, as compared with 56 per cent. last year. More than half of the total number of students were females, while over a quarter of the students were engaged in various trades and industries. The summary of occupations of students indicates that the curricula of the schools as a whole are framed with a view to meet as far as practicable the educational needs of students engaged in a wide range of occupations.