

The Province is divided into four districts—Western, Southern, Eastern and Northern—each of which is under the superintendence of an Inspector, who is subject to the Chief Superintendent, and whose duty it is to visit each school in their districts at least twice a year; and, at their visits, to inquire as to, and to note, the qualifications and standing of the teachers, the number of pupils, their progress, discipline, and the result of the instruction imparted, state of school registers, supply of books, maps, and apparatus. They have also to collect educational statistics, to assist and advise teachers, to instruct and aid trustees in the full discharge of their duties, and each year to transmit to the Chief Superintendent a report on the general character of the schools in their respective district.

Three School Trustees are annually elected in each town and parish, at the same time, and in the same manner as the other town or parish officers. Their duty is to divide their respective parishes into school districts, and to apportion among such school districts any money raised by county or parish assessment for the support of schools therein, in such manner as they shall deem just and equitable. They also can authorize any licensed teacher to open a school in any district where the inhabitants have provided a sufficient school-house, and secured the necessary salary, and they have power to suspend or displace any teacher for incapacity or improper conduct.

The rate-payers of each school district elect annually, or, as necessity may require, three persons, who constitute a School Committee for the district, having charge over the school-house, furniture, apparatus and grounds. They receive and appropriate any money raised in the district for providing a library or increasing the same, and have immediate control of any library, appointing a Librarian, Secretary and Treasurer. They also have authority to call meetings of the inhabitants of districts, in order to provide a school-house, and books, maps, apparatus, furniture and fuel for the support of the school and the comfort of the scholars, and can admit, free, scholars and children of the poor at reduced rates, as they may deem proper.

Teachers are divided into three classes according to their qualifications, and must hold a license to teach from the Chief Superintendent. The Provincial allowance to teachers is as follows:—

Male Teachers, 1st class	\$150	Female Teachers, 1st class.....	\$110
“ “ 2nd “	120	“ “ 2nd “	90
“ “ 3rd “	90	“ “ 3rd “	70

provided always that the rate-payers of the district raise by assessments, or otherwise, an amount equal to the Provincial allowance.

When the inhabitants of a district shall raise, by assessment or otherwise, the sum of \$200 or upwards, for the support of a superior school, the Province grants a sum equal to the amount raised, but not to exceed \$300 per annum, which is paid to the teacher, on the certificate of the Inspector, that the school has been conducted to his satisfaction. Only one such school is allowed in each parish.

The Chief Superintendent, John Bennet, Esq., supplies the following statistics in his report for the year ending October, 1868:—

	Winter Term.	Summer Term.		Winter Term.	Summer Term.
Schools	809	861	Av. increase over 1867.	364	'96
Teachers	833	881	Prov. Expenditure ..	\$39,431 73	\$42,617 82
Pupils	27,726	31,426	Local Expenditure ..	52,517 59	57,530 57
Average attendance.	14,836	16,670			

The number of different pupils at school during the year is estimated at 44,819. The estimated proportion of present population is one in 5.07. The following table shows the number of pupils in the different branches:—

	Winter Term.	Summer Term.		Winter Term.	Summer Term.
Reading	26,022	28,824	History	4,802	4,737
Writing	21,687	23,130	Bookkeeping	675	499
Arithmetic	21,035	22,319	Mathematics	702	696
Grammar	8,096	8,752	Land Surveying and		
Geography	8,041	8,841	Navigation	58	79

Superior Schools.

There were 23 Superior Schools open during the winter term of the past year, attended by 1,484 pupils; in the summer term there were 24 schools and 1,402 pupils; the Provincial expenditure in the maintenance of these schools, for the year, amounted to \$7,768.34, and the local expenditure to \$8,973.76—total expenditure, \$16,742.10. In addition to the ordinary English course, taught by a first-class teacher, the pupils in these schools are taught Latin, Greek and French, and advanced Mathematics. Last year there were 203 in Latin, 32 in Greek, and 123 in French. These figures show an increase in the study of the higher branches over the preceding year.

Grammar Schools.

Of the 13 Grammar Schools under the supervision of the Board of Education 12 have been in operation throughout the whole of the past year. The estimated number of pupils