

The Provincial Superintendent, Rev. H. Rand, Esq., M.A., supplies the following statistics in his report for the year ending 31st October, 1868 :

## NUMBER OF SCHOOL SECTIONS, 1868.

	Winter Term.	Summer Term.		Winter Term.	Summer Term.
Schools .....	1,281	1,458	Average attendance.	34,102	39,109
Teachers .....	1,298	1,482	Increased average		
Pupils .....	65,083	72,141	over 1867 .....	3,582	3,218

The number of different pupils at school during the year is estimated at 88,707. The estimated proportion of present population at school, during the year, is 1 in 4.33.

The following table shows the number of pupils receiving instruction in the various branches :—

	Winter Term.	Summer Term.		Winter Term.	Summer Term.
Reading .....	59,564	64,258	Mathematics .....	2,279	1,931
Writing .....	50,755	50,786	Surveying and Navigation .....	633	365
Arithmetic .....	45,571	55,580	Natural Philosophy.	1,269	1,024
Geography .....	29,792	35,534	Chemistry .....	2,054	1,998
Grammar .....	21,286	23,494	Classics .....	892	777
History .....	14,844	15,336	Composition .....	8,763	8,036
Book-keeping .....	2,988	1,922			

In winter term 61, and in summer term 45 schools were successful in the competition for the superior grant, which is awarded to those schools that excel, not only in educational attainments, but also as regards school buildings, organization and discipline.

*Academies.*

In addition to the above public schools there are 10 county academies containing about 2,500 pupils, who are taught the higher branches of education preparatory to a college course. There are 39 teachers employed in these academies. There are also 5 special academies not under the jurisdiction of the Education Office. The number of pupils during the past year was 1,145, who were instructed by 40 teachers. The Institution for the Deaf and Dumb is supported by a Provincial grant of \$3,000, in addition to fees and contributions. There are 5 teachers and 35 pupils, of whom 33 can write and spell; 33 are studying arithmetic, 15 geography, and 22 composition.

*Normal and Model Schools.*

The Provincial Normal and Model Schools are situated at Truro, the geographical centre of the Province. During the winter term, 71 students attended the Normal School, and in the summer 36; of the former 53 obtained licenses from the Provincial Examiners, and of the latter 24. The Institution has been in operation 13 years, and has done good service in the way of qualifying teachers. The Model Schools were attended by 360 pupils in the winter term, and 393 in the summer. They are conducted by 4 teachers, in addition to the pupil-teachers from the Normal School. The Provincial grant for the past year was \$4,457.71.

*Colleges.*

There are also in Nova Scotia the following colleges :—King's College, having 5 Professors and 29 students; Dalhousie College, 6 Professors and 53 students; Acadia College, 4 Professors and 37 students; St. Francois Xavier College, 6 Professors and 85 students; and St. Mary's College, 5 Professors 78 students. They are all under the control of independent Boards of Governors, but each receives an annual grant from the public treasury.

The following is a statement of the Provincial grants for Education for 1868 :—

Public Schools .....	\$116,783 38	Education Office .....	\$ 2,400 00
Normal and Model Schools .....	4,457 71	Printing Reports, Laws, School Returns &c. ....	3,708 83
Colleges and Special Academies .....	13,000 00	Travelling expenses of Teachers at Normal School .....	690 20
Books and Apparatus .....	12,000 00		
Inspectors and Examiners, &c. ....	11,710 36		

Total grants for 1868. .... \$164,750 48

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

There is a Board of Education in Prince Edward Island, composed of eleven members appointed by the Governor in Council, by whom licenses to teach are granted to persons who have been five months at the Normal School, or who have received certificates of qualification. Every first class male teacher properly certificated receives £40 Island currency for teaching for one year, and every second (or highest) class male teacher £45. Female teachers receive £23 and £28 per annum, according to their class. All children over five years of age are entitled to attend District Schools, whose teachers receive these