

CHAPTER XIV.

EDUCATION.

Systems of education in the several Provinces.

702. The ordering of educational matters in Canada is entirely in the hands of the Governments of the several Provinces, and there is, therefore, some difference in the common school systems in each Province, each of them being, however, based upon the principle of free education, the funds being supplied by local taxation and Government grants. In the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba there are separate schools for Roman Catholics, but in all the other Provinces the schools are unsectarian. The school system in Ontario is presided over by a Minister of Education, who is a member of the Government for the time being. In the other Provinces there are Superintendents of Education, who report to their respective Provincial Secretaries.

Education in Ontario

703. The following table gives particulars respecting the public, separate and high schools in Ontario, for the year 1885 :—

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ONTARIO, 1885.

Number of Schools open.	School Population between 5 and 21 years of age.	Total Number of Pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Attendance.
5,395	583,147	472,458	249,175	223,283	225,907
TEACHERS.		Receipts.	Expenditure.	AVERAGE COST PER PUPIL.	
Male.	Female.			On Total Attendance.	On Average Attendance.
2,744	4,474	\$ 3,813,066	\$ 3,312,700	\$ cts. 7 01	\$ cts. 14 66