

741. According to the foregoing it would appear that the total number attending public schools in Canada during 1886 was, as far as can be gathered from the several reports :—

Total school attendance in Canada.

Ontario .....	472,458
Quebec .....	254,984
Nova Scotia .....	88,180
New Brunswick .....	62,485
Manitoba.....	12,694
British Columbia .....	4,471
Prince Edward Island.....	22,414
The Territories .....	2,553
	920,239
Total.....	920,239

If the pupils attending the universities and private schools were included, the total number would probably be about 975,000.

742. Some of the Reports on Education are not arranged with as much clearness as might be possible, and it has been found exceedingly difficult to ascertain the exact figures of each Province, which will account for any inaccuracies there may be in the above statements.

Reports on education.

743. Each of the Provinces sent an educational exhibit to the Colonial Exhibition, all of which were very much admired. The Ontario exhibit was considered the best, and was on the largest scale. The systems practised in this Province for educating the deaf, dumb and blind were proved to be in advance of those in use in England. The Quebec exhibit did not, unfortunately, do full justice to the condition of education in that Province, several leading institutions having declined to exhibit on account of the shortness of time for preparation. The other Provinces were all well represented.

Educational exhibits at Colonial Exhibition,

