

Education in British Columbia. 546. The educational system of British Columbia is free, and is supported entirely by the Government. There is a Superintendent of education, acting under the Provincial Secretary, and each school is locally controlled by trustees, elected by the ratepayers of each school district.

Average attendance. 547. There was an increase in the number of schools and pupils, but a decrease in the average daily attendance from 55.50 per cent. to 53.75 per cent. There was an increase of 974 in the total number of pupils.

Expenditure. 548. The expenditure for education proper amounted to \$88,521, and for construction of school houses, furniture, repairs, &c. \$17,705, making a total of \$106,226.

Educational statistics British Columbia. The following table shows the number of schools, teachers, and pupils in each class :—

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. 1887.

Number of Schools.	Teachers and Assistants.	Number of Pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Daily Attendance.
79	79	2,413	1,289	1,124	1.322
GRADED SCHOOLS.					
10	33	2,766	1,486	1,280	1.494
HIGH SCHOOLS.					
3	4	166	68	98	1.05
TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, ETC.					
92	116	5,345	2,843	2,502	2.921

Education in Prince Edward Island. 549. Educational matters in Prince Edward Island are under the control of a Board of Education appointed by the Government, and of a Chief Superintendent, and are supported partly by Government grants and partly by district assessments. The Government expenditure in 1887 was \$110,484, and that of the school boards \$36,294, making a