

total expenditure of \$146,778, being a decrease of \$2,000, as compared with 1886.

550. The school age is between the ages of 5 and 16, and it was estimated that there were 23,000 children between those ages in 1887, of whom 22,800 attended school during some portion of the year. There was, however, a falling off in the average percentage of attendance from 56·27 per cent. to 54·76 per cent. The number of districts without schools has decreased from 74, in 1876, to 5 in 1887. An Arbor Day was established in 1885, but the results have not yet been very extensive.

551. The following table is a summary of the educational statistics of the Province in 1887: --

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1887.

SCHOOLS.	No. of Schools	No. of Teachers.	Boys.	Girls.	Total Pupils.	Average Attend- ance.
<i>Queen's.</i>						
Primary schools.....	146	146	3,639	3,008	6,647	3,435
Advanced graded schools...	14	28	564	495	1,059	640
First-class schools.....	9	18	399	309	708	399
Charlottetown Pub schools	5	25	783	525	1,308	972
Total.....	174	217	5,385	4,337	9,722	5,446
<i>Prince.</i>						
Primary schools.....	129	128	3,181	2,652	5,833	3,064
Advanced graded schools...	4	8	185	91	276	159
First-class schools.....	6	13	343	239	582	355
Summerside Public schools	3	24	326	203	529	373
Total.....	142	173	4,035	3,185	7,220	3,951
<i>King's.</i>						
Primary schools.....	114	111	2,592	2,210	4,802	2,569
Advanced graded schools...	5	10	250	144	394	237
First-class schools.....	2	7	184	138	322	192
Total .....	121	128	3,026	2,492	5,518	2,998
Grand total.....	437	518	12,446	10,014	22,460	12,395

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