

Average  
attend-  
ance.

625. The total number of pupils was slightly larger than in the preceding year, but the average attendance decreased from 58·65 per cent. to 57·21 per cent. This is also attributed to exceptionally severe weather. The average daily attendance during the term ended 31st December, 1887, was 60, and during that ended 30th June, 1887, 54·43, a decrease in both cases over the figures for the two preceding terms. The proportion of the estimated population attending the Public schools was 1 in 5·5.

Expendi-  
ture.

626. The Government expenditure for the year was \$136,326; the county fund amounted to \$94,501, and the district assessment to \$175,424, making a total of \$406,251. The average cost per pupil, including the pupils of Superior and Grammar schools, was \$5.88.

Arbor  
Day.

627. An Arbor Day, on the same principle as that in Ontario, was held on 18th May, 1888, when 6,571 trees and 650 shrubs were planted and 393 flower beds laid out.

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tional  
statistics,  
New  
Brun-  
swick.

628. The following table gives the educational statistics for the year :—

#### NEW BRUNSWICK—EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.

##### PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 1887-88.

Term Ended.	Number of Schools.	Teachers and Assistants.	Number of Pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Attendance.	Proportion of Population at School.
1887.							
Dec. 31. . . . .	1,542	1,613	55,492	27,888	27,604	33,315	6·24
1888.							
June 30. . . . .	1,532	1,587	59,636	31,766	27,870	32,465	5·80