

bers, two Protestant and two Roman Catholic, and the Lieutenant-Governor, who shall be chairman.

641. No school district shall, at its erection, exceed an area of 36 square miles, nor shall it contain less than 4 heads of families, or a smaller school population than 10. School districts.

642. No religious instruction is allowed in any public school before 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time such instruction as is permitted by the trustees may be given, parents having the privilege of withdrawing their children at that hour if desired. Religious instruction.

643. The increase in the number of schools and pupils during 1889 is a very reliable indication of the progress of settlement in the Territories. The total increase was 33 schools, 33 teachers, and 1,121 pupils, divided amongst Protestants and Roman Catholics, as follows:—Protestants, 25 schools, 28 teachers, and 801 pupils; Roman Catholics, 8 schools, 5 teachers and 320 pupils. There were, therefore, 164 public schools in operation, and 5 Roman Catholic Separate schools, with a total of 4,574 pupils. The average attendance in the Protestant schools was 59·55 per cent. and in the Roman Catholic schools 68·06 per cent. of the pupils on the register. The following table shows the state of the schools during the years 1888 and 1889:—

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS IN THE TERRITORIES, 1888 AND 1889.
PROTESTANT SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT.	1888.			1889.		
	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.
Eastern Assiniboia.....	38	40	727	52	54	1,123
Western do	38	42	1,050	41	46	1,153
Prince Albert District.....	13	14	361	17	19	520
Battleford do	2	2	45	2	2	69
Calgary do	9	11	345	12	15	410
Edmonton do	5	6	154	6	7	183
Macleod do	3	4	122	3	4	147
Total	108	119	2,804	133	147	3,605