

645. There were 5,626 school houses in the Province, of which 2,618 were of brick or stone, 2,424 frame and 584 log. School houses in Ontario. The log school houses are fast disappearing.

646. The total number of teachers in the Public schools was 7,796 being in the proportion of 1 to every 63 pupils: 2,824 were male and 4,972 female teachers. In the Roman Catholic Separate schools the number was 523, being in the proportion of 1 to every 60 pupils. In the High schools the number of teachers was 419 or 1 to every 42 pupils. Number of teachers.

647. The total receipts for Public school purposes in 1888 amounted to \$1,456,352, derived from the following sources: Receipts and expenditure. Legislative grant, \$274,511; municipal school grants and assessments, \$3,080,995; clergy reserve fund and other sources, \$1,100,846. The total expenditure was \$3,859,365, laid out as follows: Teachers' salaries, \$2,521,537; maps, prizes, &c., \$29,382; sites and buildings, \$575,973, and rent, fuel, &c., \$732,473. The total receipts for High schools were \$684,268, of which \$65,416 were received from fees, and the expenditure was \$637,055, of which \$350,630 was paid for teachers' salaries.

648. In addition to the Public and High schools, there were 58 county Model schools, with 1,208 teachers in training; 5 training institutes, with an attendance of 47, 66 teachers' institutes, with 6,882 members, and 6 Normal and Provincial Model schools, with 1,370 students. There were also 8 Art schools in operation, with, as far as can be ascertained, about 650 pupils. In connection with and under the control of the Department of Education were 204 Mechanics Institutes and free libraries, with over 339,225 books and 19,936 members. Their property was valued at \$434,116, and the expenditure of 179 amounted to \$69,298. Model schools, Mechanics Institutes, etc.

649. The second Friday in May in each year has been set apart under the name of Arbor Day, for the purpose of plant- Arbor Day.