

59.2 per cent. of the number enrolled, as compared with 57.6 per cent. in 1888. Attendance at the Public schools of children between the ages of 7 and 12 is by law compulsory, but the regulation is not strictly enforced. There was an increase of 21 in the number of sections without schools, for which the Superintendent of Education finds himself unable to assign any special cause, but there were increases of 35 and 27, respectively, in the number of teachers and schools in operation, owing to the multiplication of departments in the thickly populated districts. The total number of teachers employed was 2,257.

Popula-
tion at
school.

656. The proportion of the population enrolled in the Public schools remained about the same as in 1888, viz.: 1 in 5.7. This proportion is based on the estimated population of the Province.

Expendi-
ture.

657. The total Government expenditure for education during 1889 was \$212,922, a decrease of \$1,726. The county fund amounted to \$118,281, and the sectional assessments to \$341,716, the three amounts making a total of \$672,919, a decrease of \$3,077 as compared with 1888.

Educational
statistics, Nova
Scotia.

658. The following table of educational statistics explains itself:—

NOVA SCOTIA—EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST OCTOBER, 1889.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Term Ended.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Attendance.	Proportion of Population at School.	Cost per Pupil.
1889.							\$ cts.
April 30	2,069	82,371	44,781	37,590	49,773	1 in 5.9	0 99
Oct. 31.	2,193	86,488	42,849	43,639	50,302	1 in 5.6	0 98