

wonderful progress of the Province during the last 20 years, but must also effectually dissipate any ideas that intending settlers might have about the difficulty there would be in educating their children, and must convince them that life on the prairies does not mean life without the most important benefits of civilization. There is a Normal School, at Winnipeg, for the training of teachers, at which the attendance in 1888 was 150, and in 1889, 157.

Receipts  
and expen-  
diture.

668. The expenditure in 1889 amounted to \$416,435 of which \$98,358 was paid by Government, and \$282,204 by Municipal taxes. The total receipts amounted to \$456,721. The amount of debenture indebtedness was \$413,478, and the value of school sites, houses and furniture was estimated at \$615,319.

Roman  
Catholic  
schools in  
Manitoba.

669. Under control of the Roman Catholic Board there were in 1889, 96 school districts. For the half year ended 31st December, 1889, the number of children attending school was 3,230, and the average attendance 2,271, or just 70 per cent. For the half year ended 30th June, 1889, the sum of \$10,601 was paid to Roman Catholic school districts.

Education  
in British  
Columbia.

670. The educational system of British Columbia is free, undenominational, and supported entirely by the Government. There is a Superintendent of Education, acting under the Provincial Secretary, and each school is locally controlled by trustees, elected by the ratepayers of each school district. The Lieutenant Governor in Council is empowered to create new school districts, as they become necessary, provided that no school district shall contain less than 15 children of school age, viz., between 6 and 16 years of age.

Average  
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dance.

671. There was a general increase in schools, teachers and pupils during 1889, the year having been marked by very considerable educational activity. The increase in the total number of schools was 11, in that of teachers 15, and in that of pupils 424, while the percentage of attendance increased from 48.54 per cent. to 54.16 per cent.