

PUBLIC SCHOOLS; ONTARIO, 1890.

Number of Schools open.	School Population between 5 and 21 years of age.	Total Number of Pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Attendance.
5,718	617,856	496,565	259,519	237,046	251,307
TEACHERS.		Receipts.	Expenditure	AVERAGE COST PER PUPIL.	
Male.	Female.			On Total Attendance.	On Average Attendance.
		\$	\$	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
2,730	5,450	5,016,212	4,295,678	8 67	17 09

778. There was a decrease of 4,250 in the number of pupils registered in 1890 as compared with 1889, and a decrease of nearly 1 per cent in the proportion of registered pupils to school population, the figures for 1890 having been 80.37 per cent as against 81.30 per cent in 1889. The average attendance for the whole province was the same as in the preceding year, viz., 51 per cent. In rural districts it was 47 per cent, in towns 59 per cent and in cities 62 per cent. Though the compulsory education of children between the ages of 7 and 13 is provided for by statute, yet the provision has not been enforced with sufficient strictness, as is evident from the fact that 83,609 children between those ages did not, during 1890, attend school for 100 days, the period appointed by the Act. The largest number of offenders was naturally in the rural districts, the proportion to the total number of absentees being 82 per cent. This will doubtless soon be remedied, as by the Ontario Truancy Act of 1891, all children between 8 and 14 must attend school for the full term.

Average attendance.

779. The following table gives particulars concerning the Roman Catholic separate schools in Ontario in 1890 :—

Separate schools in Ontario.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOLS, ONTARIO, 1890.

Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Attendance.	Receipts.	Expenditure.	AVERAGE COST PER PUPIL.	
							On Total Attendance.	On Average Attendance.
					\$	\$	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
259	34,571	17,683	16,888	18,395	313,326	289,703	8 38	15 75