

818. The cost of each pupil on enrolment was \$14.78, and on average daily attendance, \$26.66, in both cases being the lowest amount since 1881. The whole of the expenditure is borne by the Government. Cost per pupil.

819. Educational matters in Prince Edward Island are under the control of a Board of Education appointed by the Government, and of a Chief Superintendent, and are supported partly by Government grants and partly by district assessments. The Government expenditure in 1891 was \$111,154, and that of the school boards \$35,629, making a total expenditure of \$146,783, being a decrease of \$4,454, as compared with 1890. Education in Prince Edward Island.

820. The school age is between the ages of 5 and 16, and it was estimated that there were upwards of 24,000 children between those ages in 1891, of whom 22,330 attended school during some portion of the year. These figures show a decrease of 200 in the number of pupils enrolled, but the daily average attendance increased from 12,490 to 12,745, and the average percentage of attendance from 55.43 per cent to 57.75 per cent. There were no districts without schools in 1891, while in 1876 there were no less than 74. An Arbor Day was established in 1885, but the results have not yet been very extensive. Average attendance.

821. The following table is a summary of the educational statistics of the province in 1891:— Educational statistics, Prince-Edward Island.

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1891.

SCHOOLS.	Number of Schools.	Number of Teachers.	Boys.	Girls.	Total Pupils.	Average Attendance.
<i>Queen's.</i>						
Primary schools.....	151	151	3,530	2,970	6,500	3,558
Advanced graded schools...	16	32	700	607	1,307	788
First class schools.....	6	12	273	236	509	327
Charlottetown public schools	3	29	832	563	1,395	1,077
Total.....	176	224	5,335	4,376	9,711	5,750
<i>Prince.</i>						
Primary schools.....	128	128	3,030	2,620	5,650	3,142
Advanced graded schools...	7	14	327	199	526	316
First class schools.....	5	13	269	247	516	338
Summerside public schools..	3	11	333	226	559	415
Total.....	143	166	3,959	3,292	7,251	4,211