

1396. The second Friday in May in each year has been set apart under the name of Arbor Day, for the purpose of planting trees and improving the school grounds. In 1885 on that day, 38,940 trees, in 1886, 34,087 trees, in 1887, 28,057 trees, in 1888, 25,714 trees, in 1889, 21, 281 trees, in 1890, 22,250, and in 1891 15,697 trees were planted.

1397. The total number of pupils attending public, separate and high, normal and model schools in Ontario, not including colleges and private schools, was 515,298, a decrease of 2,021 as compared with 1890.

1398. Educational matters in the province of Quebec are under the control of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, assisted by a council consisting of 35 members, and divided into committees for the management of Roman Catholic and Protestant schools, respectively. The schools are maintained partly by local taxation and partly by Government grants, and are individually controlled by local boards, or by the local clergy. As previously stated, religion is assumed to be the basis of education, and the various Roman Catholic religious bodies and institutions are largely interested in such matters. The following table gives the number of educational establishments of all grades in the province :—

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, QUEBEC, 1892-93.

| INSTITUTIONS. | SCHOOLS UNDER CONTROL. | | INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS. | | Total. |
|---|------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|--------|
| | Roman Catholic. | Protestant | Roman Catholic. | Protestant | |
| Elementary schools | 3,961 | 906 | 88 | 8 | 4,963 |
| Model | 323 | 49 | 121 | ..... | 493 |
| Academies | 32 | 21 | 85 | 3 | 141 |
| Normal schools . . . . . | ..... | ..... | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Classical colleges . . . . . | ..... | ..... | 17 | ..... | 17 |
| Protestant colleges . . . . . | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6 | 6 |
| Universities . . . . . | ..... | ..... | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Institutions for deaf, dumb and blind . . . . . | ..... | ..... | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Schools of art and manufacture . . . . . | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9 |
| Total | 4,316 | 976 | 318 | 21 | 5,640 |

There has been an increase of 53 in the number of educational institutions in this province during the year.