

1406. There was an increase of 862 in the total number of pupils registered, and 1,637 in the average attendance, the latter having been 60 per cent of the number registered as compared with 59 per cent in 1891. 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 a decrease of 14 in the number of sections without schools, and an increase of 40 in the number of teachers, and of 45 in the number of schools in operation. The total number of teachers employed was 2,340.

1407. The proportion of the population enrolled in the public schools based on the estimated population of the province in 1892 was 1 in 4.4.

1408. The total Government expenditure for education during 1892 was \$216,430, an increase of \$2,525. The county fund amounted to \$120,128, and the sectional assessments to \$410,017, the three amounts making a total expenditure of \$746,575, an increase of \$21,291 as compared with 1891.

1409. The following table of educational statistics explains itself :—

NOVA SCOTIA—EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st OCTOBER, 1892.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Term ended.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Attendance.	Proportion of Population at School.	Cost to Government per Pupil.
1892.							\$ cts.
April 30.....	2,158	82,965	44,627	38,338	49,494	1 in 5.4	0 98
Oct. 31.....	2,281	87,189	43,630	43,559	52,457	1 in 5.2	0 98

COUNTY ACADEMIES.

Number of Pupils.	Males.	Females.	Average Age.	Average Attendance.	Number of Teachers and Assistants.
1,696	862	834	16.1	933	42