

1539. The total number of schools open in 1893 shows an increase of 702 over the number in 1883, the number of pupils an increase of 16,699, of which 7,185 were boys and 9,514 were girls. The average attendance increased 43,865.

The increase in the average attendance is a gratifying feature. In 1890 the average attendance was only 47·8 per cent of the number on the roll; in 1893 it was 53·9 per cent. In 1890 the average attendance was 40·6 per cent of the whole number of the school population; in 1893 it was 43·8 per cent.

In 1883 the average number of pupils in attendance for each school was 41, and in 1893 it was 43·6.

In 1883 each teacher had somewhat over 31 pupils, on an average; in 1893, each teacher had 30 pupils.

In 1883 the female teachers numbered 59 out of every 100 teachers; in 1893 they numbered nearly 68.

1540. Separating the Roman Catholic separate schools from the other public schools, it is found that in 1893 the scholars in attendance in the Roman Catholic separate schools were 7·9 per cent of the total number in all the public schools. The Roman Catholics were nearly 17 per cent of the total population of the province. As the scholars in attendance in the Roman Catholic separate public schools were only 8 per cent of the total number in attendance, instead of 17 per cent to correspond with the proportion the Roman Catholics have in the general population,—either the Roman Catholics have fewer children, or a smaller proportion attend school at all, or many of them attend the other public schools, or many of the public schools, being in districts where the Roman Catholics are the great majority of the population, are practically managed as separate schools.

The Roman Catholic separate schools numbered 313, and the average attendance was nearly 70 pupils to each school against 42 in the 5,641 other schools.

The teachers, in 1893, numbered for the Roman Catholic separate schools 684, and for the others 7,963. Each teacher in the Roman Catholic schools had charge of 34 pupils, and each teacher in the other schools had 30 pupils.

Of the teachers in the Roman Catholic public separate schools, 138 were males and 546 females; about 80 per cent were females. In the others, 66·7 per cent were females.

The average attendance in the Roman Catholic schools was 57·4 per cent of the number on the rolls. In the others, the average attendance was 53·6 per cent of the number on the rolls.

1541. There were 10 Protestant separate schools, all of which made returns, which show that there were 12 teachers, 2 male and 10 female; 548 pupils, 287 being boys and 261 girls; average attendance, 273; receipts, \$6,430, and expenditure, \$6,686.

1542. The following are particulars concerning the high schools in Ontario in the years 1877-93:—