

1543. In the High Schools the number of teachers was 538, giving one teacher for each group of 43 pupils.

Of the total number of pupils the female sex had 52·2 per cent in 1893. They formed 45·6 per cent in 1880. In 1883, the total number of pupils was 11,843, and in 1893 the number of female pupils was 12,147, or 304 more than the total number in 1883.

In 1883 the average attendance was 48·8 per cent of the total number of pupils and in 1893 it was 59·4 per cent.

1544. In 1893 there were in the province 5,691 public school-houses, of which 2,774 were of brick or stone, 2,427 frame and 490 log. In 1883 there were 5,284 public school-houses, of which 2,324 were brick or stone, 2,343 frame and 617 log. The proportions are, therefore : 1893, brick or stone, 49 per cent ; frame, 42 per cent, and log, 9 per cent. 1883, brick or stone, 43·9 per cent ; frame, 44·4 per cent, and log 11·7 per cent. In 1850 there were only 99 brick school-houses in the province ; now there are 2,226. In 1850 there were 1,466 log school-houses ; now there are only 490. During the past decade there were about 40 new school-houses a year added to the equipment of the province.

1545. The following table gives the total receipts and expenditure for public school purposes, 1877-93 :—

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1877-93.

| YEAR. | RECEIPTS. | | | EXPENDITURE. | | | |
|--------------|------------------------|---|--|------------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| | Legisla- tive Grant | Municipal School Grant and Assessments | Clergy Revenue Fund and other sources | Teachers' Salaries. | Maps, Prizes, &c. | Sites and Building School- houses. | Rent, Repairs, Fuel, &c. |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1877 | 251,962 | 2,422,432 | 730,687 | 2,038,099 | 47,539 | 477,393 | 510,458 |
| 1878 | 258,539 | 2,278,040 | 694,986 | 2,011,208 | 42,507 | 413,393 | 422,239 |
| 1879 | 252,566 | 2,307,223 | 654,051 | 2,072,823 | 32,622 | 306,026 | 421,614 |
| 1880 | 263,454 | 2,321,929 | 669,447 | 2,113,180 | 25,222 | 249,390 | 434,261 |
| 1881 | 258,297 | 2,352,556 | 648,385 | 2,106,019 | 14,022 | 280,460 | 443,770 |
| 1882 | 265,738 | 2,447,214 | 757,035 | 2,144,449 | 15,583 | 341,918 | 525,025 |
| 1883 | 265,467 | 2,538,042 | 767,222 | 2,210,187 | 20,275 | 312,342 | 565,626 |
| 1884 | 267,084 | 2,675,621 | 780,433 | 2,296,027 | 17,732 | 341,198 | 625,905 |
| 1885 | 264,419 | 2,680,121 | 868,526 | 2,327,050 | 20,230 | 373,405 | 592,015 |
| 1886 | 265,912 | 2,826,376 | 901,195 | 2,385,464 | 32,699 | 414,238 | 625,298 |
| 1887 | 268,722 | 3,084,352 | 978,283 | 2,458,540 | 27,509 | 544,520 | 711,535 |
| 1888 | 274,511 | 3,080,995 | 1,100,846 | 2,521,537 | 29,382 | 575,973 | 732,473 |
| 1889 | 276,305 | 3,342,436 | 1,232,320 | 2,553,845 | 32,124 | 829,052 | 783,496 |
| 1890 | 284,327 | 3,411,654 | 1,320,231 | 2,669,377 | 42,816 | 753,039 | 830,446 |
| 1891 | 289,610 | 3,168,498 | 1,313,203 | 2,722,116 | 42,521 | 460,655 | 850,949 |
| 1892 | 283,791 | 3,300,512 | 1,227,596 | 2,752,629 | 40,003 | 427,321 | 839,965 |
| 1893 | 287,952 | 3,265,292 | 1,193,108 | 2,798,199 | 40,234 | 350,942 | 862,085 |

There was a decrease of 4,602 in the number of pupils registered in 1893, as compared with 1892, and a decrease of 0·40 per cent in the proportion of registered pupils to school population, the figures for 1893 having been 81·19 per cent as against 81·59 per cent in 1892. The average attendance