

1325. The total number of schools open in 1894 shows an increase of 725 over the number of 1883, the number of pupils an increase of 18,834, of which 8,247 were boys and 10,587 were girls. The average attendance increased 52,773.

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 1894 it was 55·5 per cent. In 1890 the average attendance was 40·6 per cent of the whole number of the school population ; in 1893 it was 45·2 per cent.

In 1883 the average number of pupils in attendance for each school was 41, and in 1894 it was 44·9.

In 1883 each teacher had somewhat over 31 pupils on an average ; in 1894 each teacher had 30·4.

In 1883 the female teachers numbered 59 out of every 100 teachers ; in 1894 they numbered nearly 68.

1326. Separating the Roman Catholic separate schools from the other public schools, it is found that in 1894 the scholars in attendance in the Roman Catholic separate schools were 8·1 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 328, and the average attendance was nearly 71 pupils to each school against 43 in the 5,649 other schools.

The teachers, in 1894, numbered for the Roman Catholic separate schools 714, and for the others 8,110. Each teacher in the Roman Catholic schools had charge of 32 pupils, and each teacher in the other schools had 30 pupils.

Of the teachers in the Roman Catholic public separate schools, 133 were males and 581 females ; about 81 per cent were females. In the others, 67 per cent were females.

The average attendance in the Roman Catholic schools was 58·6 per cent of the number on the rolls. In the others, the average attendance was 55·2 per cent of the number on the rolls.

1327. There were 10 Protestant separate schools, all of which made returns, which show that there were 13 teachers, 2 male and 11 female ; 520 pupils, 278 being boys and 242 girls ; average attendance, 196 ; receipts, \$6,510, and expenditure, \$5,222.

1328. The following are particulars concerning the high schools in Ontario in the years 1877-94 :—