

Superintendent of Education, acting under the Provincial Secretary, and each school is locally controlled by trustees, elected by the ratepayers of each school district. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council is empowered to create new school districts as they become necessary, provided that no school district shall contain less than 15 children of school age, viz., between 5 and 16 years of age.

1359. There was a general increase in schools, teachers and pupils during the year ended June 30th, 1895. The increase in the total number of schools was 13, in that of teachers 24, and in that of pupils 869, while the percentage of attendance was 63.86 per cent, being an increase of 2.39 per cent as compared with 1894.

1360. The educational progress of the province is illustrated by the following figures: In 1873 there were 25 school districts, 1,028 pupils, and the expenditure amounted to \$36,764; in 1895 corresponding figures were: school districts, 185; pupils, 13,482, and expenditure, \$189,037.

1361. The cost of each pupil on enrollment was \$14.02, and on average daily attendance \$22.95, being a decrease as compared with 1894. The whole of the expenditure is borne by the Government.

1362. The following table shows the number of schools, teachers and pupils in each class:—

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1877-95.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

YEAR.	Number of Schools.	Teachers and Assistants.	Number of Pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Attendance.
1877.....			1,938	1,072	866	1,210
1878.....	50	56	2,137	1,195	942	1,345
1879.....	51	56	2,225	1,209	1,016	1,272
1880.....	53	53	2,380	1,292	1,088	1,239
1881.....	52	56	2,495	1,404	1,091	1,367
1882.....	49	60	2,579	1,452	1,127	1,358
1883.....	46	60	2,632	1,483	1,149	1,345
1884.....	49	50	1,591	892	699	750
1885.....	64	64	1,777	983	774	919
1886.....	71	71	2,188	1,183	1,005	1,198
1887.....	79	79	2,413	1,289	1,124	1,322
1888.....	83	83	2,542	1,373	1,169	1,309
1889.....	93	93	2,871	1,518	1,353	1,392
1890.....	100	105	2,928	1,503	1,425	1,529
1891.....	105	109	3,135	1,650	1,485	1,614
1892.....	124	130	4,137	2,116	2,021	2,209
1893.....	140	150	4,523	2,346	2,177	2,446
1894.....	157	164	5,193	2,692	2,541	2,890
1895.....	172	183	5,081	2,655	2,426	2,883