

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Educational matters in Prince Edward Island are under the control of a Board of Education, appointed by the Government, and of a Chief Superintendent and are supported partly by Government grants and partly by district assessment.

The following table is a summary of the educational statistics of the province, 1885-97:—

YEAR.	No. of School Departments in Operation.	No. of Teachers.	Pupils Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	EXPENDITURE.		
						Government.	School Board.	Total.
						\$	\$	\$
1885.....	507	494	21,983	12,166	55.34	109,317	36,282	145,599
1886.....	509	498	22,414	12,612	56.27	111,992	36,787	148,779
1887.....	510	505	22,460	12,325	54.87	110,485	36,294	146,779
1888.....	512	509	22,478	12,248	54.49	108,846	38,609	147,455
1889.....	523	518	23,045	13,169	57.10	108,092	37,810	145,902
1890.....	529	529	22,530	12,490	55.43	113,626	37,610	151,236
1891.....	531	531	22,330	12,898	57.75	111,154	35,629	147,783
1892.....	538	538	22,169	12,986	58.68	114,570	36,542	151,112
1893.....	543	543	22,292	12,960	58.13	118,106	34,592	152,698
1894.....	556	553	22,221	12,849	58.00	122,077	37,854	159,937
1895.....	561	559	22,250	13,254	59.56	121,731	39,426	161,201
1896.....	569	569	22,138	13,412	60.58	124,084	34,809	158,893
1897.....	579	579	21,845	12,978	59.44	128,668	32,781	161,444

In 1897 there were 467 schools in the province, and 332 male teachers and 247 female teachers.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

The educational system of the North-west Territories is under the control (within its attributes) of a Council of Public Instruction, consisting of the Executive Council (5) and five appointed members without votes.

The law provides that no school district shall comprise an area of more than 25 square miles, nor shall it contain less than four resident heads of families, or a smaller school population than 12, i.e., children between the ages of 5 and 16.

No religious instruction is allowed in any public school before 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time such instruction as is permitted by the trustees may be given, parents having the privilege of withdrawing their children at that hour, if desired.

STATISTICS FOR 1897.

Number of schools in operation—Public 386; separate, 8.....	394
“ teachers employed “ 455 “ 15.....	470
“ pupils enrolled	14,576
Teachers' salaries—Public, \$165,590; Separate, \$7,743.....	\$173,333