

NIGHT SCHOOLS.

YEAR.	Number of Night Schools.	Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance.
1891.....	36	76	2,930	686
1892.....	32	63	2,293	506
1893.....	28	65	2,062	522
1894.....	25	54	1,937	444
1895.....	31	56	2,130	443
1896.....	21	41	1,349	329
1897.....	18	37	1,406	317
1898.....	18	42	1,504	363

There were also six Art schools in operation, with, as far as can be ascertained, about 700 pupils. In connection with and under the control of the Department of Education were 247 Public Libraries, with over 436,124 books, and about 32,249 members. Their property was valued at \$358,396, with liabilities of \$16,021. Besides these there were 117 free libraries, with upwards of 425,923 volumes and 89,148 readers, with assets amounting to \$577,580 and liabilities \$113,902.

The second Friday in May in each year has been set apart under the name of Arbor Day, for the purpose of planting trees and improving the school grounds. In 1898, 12,358 trees were planted.

The following table gives the number of teachers receiving superannuation allowances and the amount paid to them during the years 1880-99 :—

SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS, 1880-99.

YEAR.	Number of Teachers on list.	Expenditure.
		\$
1880.....	391	48,229
1881.....	399	49,130
1882.....	422	51,000
1883.....	422	51,500
1884.....	443	54,234
1885.....	423	55,003
1886.....	440	58,791
1887.....	454	58,295
1888.....	472	58,290
1889.....	457	60,365
1890.....	463	62,105
1891.....	456	61,080
1892.....	456	63,751
1893.....	459	63,685
1894.....	442	64,046
1895.....	435	63,800
1896.....	430	62,597
1897.....	424	62,800
1898.....	420	64,352
1899.....	423	63,682