

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The educational system of British Columbia is free, undenominational and supported entirely by the Government. There is a 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 fifteen children of school age, viz., between 5 and 16 years of age.

The following table shows the number of schools, teachers and pupils:—

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1878-1900.  
COMMON SCHOOLS.

| YEAR.     | Number of Schools. | Teachers and Assistants | Number of Pupils. | Boys. | Girls. | Average Attendance. |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------|--------|---------------------|
| 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               |
| 1896..... | 190                | 199                     | 5,743             | 3,061 | 2,682  | 3,087               |
| 1897..... | 213                | 223                     | 6,332             | 3,322 | 3,010  | 3,808               |
| 1898..... | 228                | 241                     | 7,177             | 3,732 | 3,445  | 4,075               |
| 1899..... | 244                | 449                     | 7,430             | 3,860 | 3,570  | 4,280               |
| 1900..... | 246                | 246                     | 7,165             | 3,749 | 3,416  | 4,133               |

GRADED SCHOOLS.

|           |    |     |        |       |       |       |
|-----------|----|-----|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1885..... | 7  | 24  | 2,136  | 1,137 | 999   | 1,156 |
| 1886..... | 9  | 26  | 2,285  | 1,333 | 952   | 1,226 |
| 1887..... | 10 | 33  | 2,766  | 1,486 | 1,280 | 1,494 |
| 1888..... | 13 | 37  | 3,637  | 1,954 | 1,683 | 1,678 |
| 1889..... | 14 | 42  | 3,738  | 1,927 | 1,811 | 2,117 |
| 1890..... | 13 | 50  | 4,890  | 2,515 | 2,375 | 2,654 |
| 1891..... | 19 | 70  | 5,869  | 2,962 | 2,907 | 3,366 |
| 1892..... | 21 | 89  | 6,324  | 3,196 | 3,128 | 3,813 |
| 1893..... | 22 | 107 | 6,640  | 3,279 | 3,361 | 4,452 |
| 1894..... | 24 | 119 | 6,986  | 3,494 | 3,492 | 4,603 |
| 1895..... | 26 | 124 | 7,886  | 3,955 | 3,931 | 5,396 |
| 1896..... | 26 | 139 | 8,257  | 4,164 | 4,093 | 5,879 |
| 1897..... | 27 | 149 | 9,005  | 4,572 | 4,433 | 5,912 |
| 1898..... | 29 | 169 | 10,012 | 5,073 | 4,939 | 6,704 |
| 1899..... | 32 | *   | 11,265 | 5,761 | 5,504 | 7,722 |
| 1900..... | 48 | 235 | 13,813 | 7,115 | 6,698 | 9,184 |

N. B.—Graded schools are included in common schools from 1878 to 1883, inclusive.  
\* Included in common schools.