

EDUCATION.

Under the British North America Act, 1867, the right to legislate on matters respecting education was placed in the hands of the governments of the several provinces, the rights and privileges of denominational and separate schools then existing being specially protected.

ONTARIO.

Subject to the approval of the Provincial Government, all regulations for the public and high schools are made by the Minister of Education. These schools are under the control of local boards of trustees, elected by the rate-payers, and are allowed to have none but certificated teachers. Education of children between the ages of 7 and 13 is compulsory for not less than 100 days in the year. Some of the noteworthy features in Ontario's System of Education are: uniform course of study for all schools; all public and High Schools in the hands of professionally trained teachers; provincial, instead of local, control of examination of teachers; uniformity of text-books and common matriculation for admission to all universities and learned professions. These give unity to the system which includes (a) Kindergarten, (b) Public or Separate schools, (c) High Schools or Collegiate Institutes, (d) the University.

The following table gives particulars respecting the public schools of Ontario in the years 1879 and 1900, Roman Catholic separate schools included.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ONTARIO, 1879-1900.

YEAR.	Number of Schools Open.	School Population between 5 and 21 Years of Age.	Total Number of Pupils Registered.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Attendance.
1879.....	5,123	494,424	487,012	259,056	228,615	219,442
1880.....	5,137	489,924	483,045	255,677	227,956	220,068
1881.....	5,238	484,224	476,268	251,661	227,368	215,264
1882.....	5,203	483,817	471,512	246,966	224,607	214,176
1883.....	5,252	478,791	464,369	243,671	224,546	215,561
1884.....	5,316	471,287	466,917	244,532	220,698	221,861
1885.....	5,395	583,147	472,458	249,175	222,385	225,907
1886.....	5,437	601,204	487,496	257,030	223,283	239,044
1887.....	5,506	611,212	493,212	259,083	230,466	245,152
1888.....	5,569	615,353	495,323	259,485	234,129	245,789
1889.....	5,623	616,022	500,815	263,047	235,838	253,943
1890.....	5,718	617,856	496,565	259,519	237,768	251,307
1891.....	5,826	615,781	491,741	256,674	237,046	257,642
1892.....	5,889	595,238	485,670	253,091	235,067	253,830
1893.....	5,954	592,503	481,068	250,856	232,579	259,426
1894.....	5,977	593,840	483,203	251,918	230,212	268,334
1895.....	5,994	600,615	484,551	253,108	231,285	271,549
1896.....	5,996	591,717	481,948	251,669	231,443	271,354
1897.....	6,009	590,055	482,777	251,667	230,279	273,544
1898.....	5,932	591,300	478,194	248,610	231,100	273,451
1899.....	6,006	586,350	471,023	243,943	227,080	269,092
1900.....	6,010	580,105	462,494	238,605	223,889	263,181