

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
1899.....	16	37	1,026	262
1900.....	12	21	795	165
1901.....	12	22	800	194

There were four Art schools in operation in 1901, with, as far as can be ascertained, about 513 pupils. In connection with and under the control of the Department of Education were 283 public libraries, with 505,544 books, and about 36,814 members. Their property was valued at \$407,299, with liabilities of \$25,677. Besides these there were 132 free libraries, with upwards of 560,573 volumes and 118,547 readers, with assets amounting to \$673,303 and liabilities \$112,511.

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 1901, 9,926 trees were planted.

The following table gives the number of teachers receiving superannuation allowances and the amount paid to them during the years 1880-1902:—

SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS, 1880-1902.

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
1900.....	418	63,871
1901.....	414	64,251
1902.....	407	64,245