

ber of pupils than can be found in any other province, the proportion being as high as 75 per cent.

595. The proportion of Protestant pupils is apparently steadily decreasing. In 1887 it was 15.1 per cent, in 1888 14.2 per cent, and in 1889 13.3 per cent. Protestant pupils.

596. The total number of teachers was 8,669 (exclusive of professors at universities), and of these 7,232 were Roman Catholics and 1,173 Protestants. Number of teachers.

597. The Council of Public Instruction in Nova Scotia consists of the members of the Executive Council. There is also a Superintendent of Education. The local management of the public schools is in the hands of trustees, chosen by the ratepayers of the section. Education in Nova Scotia.

598. There was a decrease of 91 in the total number of pupils registered and a decrease also in the average attendance, the latter having been 58 per cent of the number enrolled, as compared with 59 per cent in 1889. Attendance at the public schools of children between the ages of 7 and 12 is by law compulsory, but the regulation is not strictly enforced. There was a decrease of 16 in the number of sections without schools, which the Superintendent of Education considers due to the efforts of the school inspectors, but there were increases of 30 and 45, respectively, in the number of teachers and schools in operation, owing principally to the multiplication of departments in the thickly-populated districts. The total number of teachers employed was 2,287. Average attendance.

599. The proportion of the population enrolled in the public schools based on the population of the province, according to the census of 1891, was 5.2. Population at school.

600. The total Government expenditure for education during 1890 was \$213,434, an increase of \$512. The county fund amounted to \$118,350, and the sectional assessments to \$326,070, the three amounts making a total of \$657,854, a decrease of \$15,065 as compared with 1889. Expenditure.

601. The following table of educational statistics explains itself:— Educational statistics, Nova Scotia.  
 NOVA SCOTIA—EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
 31st OCTOBER, 1890.  
 PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Term ended.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Attendance.	Proportion of Population at School.	Cost per Pupil.
1890.							\$ cts.
April 30. ....	2,109	82,794	44,177	38,617	48,324	1 in 5.4	● 99
Oct. 31. ...	2,243	88,170	44,047	44,123	50,915	1 in 5.1	0 96