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617. The school age is between the ages of 5 and 16, and it was estimated that there were upwards of 24,000 children between those ages in 1890, of whom 23,530 attended school during some portion of the year. These figures show a gratifying increase of 515 in the number of pupils enrolled, but the daily average attendance decreased from 13,159 to 12,490, attributable largely to the influenza epidemic. The average percentage of attendance decreased from 57·10 per cent to 55·43 per cent. The number of districts without schools has decreased from 74, in 1876, to 3 in 1890. An Arbor Day was established in 1885, but the results have not yet been very extensive.

618. The following table is a summary of the educational statistics of the province in 1890 :—

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1890.

SCHOOLS.	Number of Schools.	Number of Teachers.	Boys.	Girls.	Total Pupils.	Average Attendance.
<i>Queen's.</i>						
Primary schools	148	148	3,492	2,900	6,392	3,406
Advanced graded schools . . .	19	38	826	751	1,577	867
First class schools	5	10	221	165	386	231
Charlottetown public schools	3	29	831	543	1,374	1,012
Total	175	225	5,370	4,359	9,729	5,516
<i>Prince.</i>						
Primary schools	126	126	3,085	2,642	5,727	3,096
Advanced graded schools . . .	7	13	333	194	527	304
First class schools	5	12	276	242	518	320
Summerside public schools . .	3	11	312	215	527	352
Total	141	162	4,006	3,293	7,299	4,072
<i>King's.</i>						
Primary schools	112	112	2,448	2,147	4,595	2,407
Advanced graded schools . . .	6	12	269	227	496	273
First class schools	2	8	214	170	384	225
Total	120	132	2,931	2,544	5,475	2,905
<i>Totals.</i>						
Primary schools	386	386	9,025	7,689	16,714	8,909
Advanced graded schools . . .	32	63	1,428	1,172	2,600	1,444
First class schools	12	30	711	577	1,288	776
Charlottetown and Summerside public schools	6	40	1,143	758	1,901	1,364
Grand total	436	519	12,307	10,196	22,503	12,493

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