

619. The educational system of the North-West Territories is under the control of a Board of Education, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and composed of eight members, five Protestant and three Roman Catholic, of which the Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary is at present the chairman. Board of Education, N. W. T.

620. No school district shall comprise an area of more than 25 square miles, nor shall it contain less than four resident heads of families, or a smaller school population than 10, *i.e.*, children between the ages of 5 and 20. School districts.

621. No religious instruction is allowed in any public school before 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time such instruction as is permitted by the trustees may be given, parents having the privilege of withdrawing their children at that hour, if desired. Religious instruction.

622. In 1885 there were 59 organized school districts in the Territories, and in 1891 there were 251, *viz.*, 208 Protestant and 43 Roman Catholic schools. Number of schools.

623. The following comparative figures show what progress has been made of late years:— Increase in number of schools.

	Schools in operation.	Teachers.	Pupils.
1887, June 30.....	111	125	3,144
1891 do	213	246	5,834

624. The average salary paid in all-year schools was \$645.96 to males, and \$561.96 to females, and in summer schools \$478.68 to males, and \$454.80 to females. Average salaries.

625. Union or high schools have been opened at Regina, Moosomin, Moose Jaw, Lacombe (B.C.), Prince Albert and Calgary. At the examinations in June, 1891, 115 pupils attended. The school expenditure was, in 1891, \$129,042, inclusive of the expenses of the Board of Education and school inspectors. High schools, N. W. T. Expenditure.

626. The following is a concise summary of the preceding tables:— Summary of educational statistics.