

were determined at the semi-annual meeting of Commissioners in May, to take effect at the annual school meeting of ratepayers in September last. It is designated "Centre Section," No. 76.

The number of Sections, leaving the one just named out of account having no school during any portion of the year was 9.

During winter there were in session 59 schools, giving employment for some portion of the term to 60 Teachers, and during summer there were 69 and 70 teachers.

There was a decrease in the number of registered pupils last winter, as compared with that of 1875; but a slight increase in the summer term, over that of the previous summer, still giving a difference in favor of the year 1874-5 of 101 pupils.

The number of children at school for some portion of the year, as given in the School Returns, is 2803, making a proportion of the population, according to the census of 1871, of 1 in 4 at school.

The following tables, with sex and grade, present a view of the number of Teachers employed during the past two terms:—

WINTER TERM.

Class.	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	Total.
Males	1	6	11	17	..	32
Females	..	..	11	17	11	27
Total	1	6	22	34	11	59

SUMMER TERM.

Class.	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	Total.
Males	1	4	9	14	..	31
Females	..	..	11	10	6	39
Total	1	4	20	24	6	70

In course of visitation it has been gratifying in general to observe that where the same teacher had been continued in the school for several terms in succession a gradual improvement of the pupils in the various branches of study was more decidedly noticeable.

Of the 59 teachers engaged during the winter term, 25 had been in the same section the previous term,—and of the 70 employed during the summer, 33 had been in the same during the winter.

Most of the teachers here are quite young in the service, and were those of them who are more advanced in attainments, and who are inclined to follow the profession for some time, to avail themselves for a term or two of the professional skill which the Normal and Model Schools at Truro can afford, it would no doubt considerably increase their usefulness.

29 of those engaged during summer had not been over 3 years in the service,—and only 2 of 1st class males, and the same of 1st class females had been in the service over 7 years.

It is a matter of regret that pupils in most of the school sections are still so irregular in their attendance, and that the average of daily attendance is so far out of proportion with the number registered.