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## CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The Chief Superintendent's report comes to hand, as usual, laden with information regarding our Public and High Schools. The facts and comparative statements which it contains abundantly prove the progress of education and the improved facilities provided for the intellectual advancement of the people of this country.

While not proposing in one short article to give anything like a full summary even of the valuable statistics furnished by the venerable Chief, we briefly summarize the most important particulars.

Total receipts for public school purposes in 1872, was \$2,530,270, being an increase of \$405,799 over 1871.

Total expenditure for school purposes in 1871, was \$2,207,364; being an increase of \$404,069 over 1871. Of this expenditure it is gratifying to know that there was an increase of \$194,248, over 1872 for new school houses alone—abundant evidence itself of increased interest in education. The increase in the amount

paid for teachers' salaries in 1872 over 1871, was \$180,117—This shows that the time is drawing near when teachers will receive some adequate compensation for their services.

The total school population of the country as reported by trustees is 495,756, while the number attending school only amounts to 433,664. If the total school population reported is correct, (and of this we have our doubt,) then there would be 62,092 children of school age not attending any school. We find further that 12,323, are reported as not attending school between the ages of 7 and 12. These facts show an alarming amount of apathy on the part of parents and guardians. It is indeed most lamentable, that with our excellent facilities for acquiring a liberal education; with the school houses within easy reach to every child in the Province, that so many would be denied the advantages which they are designed to bestow.

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