

first year quoted there were 854 teachers; for the second, 1,333, or a gain of 56 per cent., and for the third, 1,617, or an increase of 21 per cent.

In 1870, one person in every 8.92 was in school; in 1880, one in 5.67; and in 1890, one in 5.49.

The Provincial Government in 1870 spent \$93,794.66 upon the education of the youth in the public schools of the Province.

In 1880, \$147,159.55 was spent, a gain of 57 per cent. In 1890, \$157,062.31 was spent, a gain of 7 per cent. In other words during the last decade whilst our schools increased by 21 per cent., the increase in the government expenditure was much less.

It might be asked whether our provincial rulers are pursuing the wisest course in thus administering the educational affairs of New Brunswick.

It was found impossible to obtain any data with regard to the local support for the year 1880. In 1870 the people of the Province spent \$117,931.63 exclusive of the government aid.

In 1890 the sum spent under local control reached the magnificent sum of \$278,140.83, or 136 per cent. of the amount furnished twenty years earlier.

Our school enrolment is yet too small, our average daily attendance is too low, and the support guaranteed for very many of our schools outside of the more populous districts is much below what it should be.

A good compulsory act would remedy the first evil. It remains with the teachers themselves to make their influence so felt by the good that they do that they may compel the ratepayers of the Province to recognize their services in a tangible manner.

#### KINDERGARTEN WORK.

A meeting of the Nova Scotia "Fröbel Institute" was held in the convocation room of the Halifax County Academy on the fifth of September. Mrs. Minkie Condon, the president, gave a very interesting account of what she observed in her travels with particular reference to Kindergarten work in England, of which work she exhibited many interesting specimens. Mrs. S. S. Harriman, of Brooklyn, New York, the principal of the Halifax Normal Kindergarten School was present, as was Miss Hamilton, of the Dartmouth Public Kindergarten. A remarkable development of the Kindergarten system has taken place in the Province since Mrs. Condon, as President of the Fröbel Institute, pressed the matter on public attention. Under the guidance of Supervisor McKay, the greatest step yet has just been taken. For the school commissioners are just opening a department for the training of teachers by Mrs. Harriman,

for the public schools of the city. The towns of the Province, we hope, will not be long behind. Selby & Co., of Toronto, as can be seen from our advertisement, are able to supply promptly all Kindergarten material which may be required.

#### TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

Northumberland County Teachers' Institute meets on the 17th and 18th of Sept., at Newcastle. The following is the programme. Thursday—1st session, 10 a. m.—Enrolment of members: Election of officers; How to teach best the matter of prescribed book on Temperance.—Miss A. G. McIntosh. 2nd session, 2.30 p. m.—Drawing from objects.—Miss Hickey. What can be done to increase parental interest in the school.—A. K. Neales. Friday.—3rd session, 9 a. m.—The best means of teaching geography of a country.—G. H. Harrison. Is social culture properly emphasized in our schools?—Miss M. Miller. 4th session, Simultaneous recitation—Its advantages and disadvantages.—Inspector Mersereau. Is it found by experience that the order of Arithmetic in Grades V. and VI. is best educationally and practically?—Philip Cox, A. M.

The Charlotte County Teachers' Institute will meet in St. Stephen, on the 24th and 25th Sept. Chief Supt. Inch and Inspector Carter will be present and take part in the proceedings.

The Restigouche County Teachers' Institute will meet at Campbellton, Sept. 24th and 25th. A public Education Meeting will be held on the evening of the 24th, to be addressed by Chief Supt. Inch. Papers will be read at the Institute by Mr. C. H. Edgett, on The Teacher, by Miss Helen T. Galt, on Science (with practical lesson), by Miss Turvey, on Regularity of Attendance, by Miss McKinnon, How to Teach Current Events, by Miss Doyle, on Home Lessons, by C. P. Steeves, A. B., on Text Books. In addition to the above lessons will be given on Arithmetic, by Miss Kerr, on Square Root, by Mr. C. H. Edgett, on Music, by Miss Barnes, on Writing, by Miss Thompson.

The Gloucester County Teachers' Institute will meet at Caraquet this month.

The St. John County Teachers' Institute will meet in St. John, on Thursday and Friday, the 17th and 18th Sept.

THE LARCH SAW FLY (*Nematus Enichsonii*) reached Halifax and Antigonish last summer, as we predicted and reported. This season the larches in these regions are nearly completely defoliated. Many if not most of the trees will die before next year. The fly is likely in Cape Breton by this time, although it has not been reported. (For figures and history of this fly see EDUCATIONAL REVIEW, September 1890).