

pupils. The cost, per pupil, calculated on the basis of monthly registration, was five cents less in 1868 than in 1867 ; though, calculated on the basis of daily average attendance, it was about two cents more in 1868 than in 1867. This difference, however, will be regarded as not very significant when it is remembered that the estimate of the Secretary of the Board, as to the cost of maintaining the Schools for the year 1868, which is one element of this calculation, exceeds by \$2,095, the estimated cost of the Schools in 1867.

As I have now held the office of Local Superintendent of our City Schools for more than ten successive years, it will scarcely be considered out of place for me to take, in this Report, a brief retrospect of these Schools to that extent of time.

Such a retrospect should comprehend, among other matters—

1. Our School population, School age, according to law, in this Province, is from five to sixteen years, while pupils up to twenty-one years of age are allowed to attend our Common Schools. Our laws do not provide for an annual or frequent census of our School population, such as is taken in many cities of the United States, and we are therefore left for the most part, to inference or to conjecture on this subject. Once, indeed, (in 1863), our board of School Trustees took, at considerable expense, a special School Census, which has often been referred to since by private and by official persons. In 1858, the general population of our City was proba-

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