

In the North—King Ross (No. 15), Up. East Lake (No. 25), and Big River (No. 36), were taken off, and none added.

Schoolhouses.—During the year, at an aggregate expense of nearly \$2000, new schoolhouses have been erected at Eastern Harbour, Maryane Harbour, Whyecocomo, Little Narrows, Salt Spring, Glencoe, Indian Rear, and Centreville. These buildings, although with one or two exceptions, furnished only externally, reflect much credit upon the sections in which they are situated.

Eleven new school-houses are now in course of erection, and the sum of \$3610 has been voted at the last annual meeting to enable trustees to pay off their contract.

During the period elapsing from 1864 to 1872, inclusive of both years, over one hundred new school-houses were erected in this County. Five were finished in '73, and eight in each of the two succeeding years.

Accommodations ranging all the way from "superior" to "bad," are provided for 6212 pupils, and the present estimated valuation of all the school property in the county is put down at \$33,577.

Rate-payers.—In the whole county there are three thousand one hundred ratepayers, owning property liable to assessment for school purposes amounting to an aggregate of one million four hundred thousand dollars.

Children.—Over 6000 different children attended the public schools during some portion of the year, being over twenty-one per centum of the present population of the county. 580 males and 500 females attended during the winter, whose names were not enrolled during the succeeding half year. It is gratifying, however, to find these numbers largely exceeded by fresh attendance of both sexes during the summer term.

By combining the number of schools in operation during the winter and summer terms, it will be seen that during the year two hundred and forty-four sections were provided with the ordinary appliances necessary for the education of their youth—while the humiliating admission is to be made that no fewer than five sections had no schools of any kind during any portion of the year. In explanation of such circumstances of criminal neglect, it may be stated that some of the sections without schools have been only recently established, and the rate-payers in one or two cases, at least, have not had sufficient time to make the customary provision for school support.

In no period of our educational history has there been a larger number of teachers and assistants employed than during the past school year:—

Number, Male Teachers, First Class.....	45
“ “ “ Second.....	81
“ “ “ Third.....	75

Total Males employed.....201

Number Female Teachers, First Class.....	13
“ “ “ Second.....	21
“ “ “ Third.....	33

Total Females employed.....67

“ Males and females (all grades).....268

Number Male Assistants, Third Class.....	8
“ Female “ First “.....	2
“ “ “ Second “.....	4
“ “ “ Third “.....	5

Total number Assistants.....19

Total number Assistants and Teachers.....287