

thousand years he listens whilst the wandering minstrel tells once more the tale of "Troy divine" or—but the theme is endless—there is not a tone in the whole diapason of the soul's capacities which literature does not evoke. It expands and elevates the mind—it rouses and it soothes. It is a friend always near and always welcome. In the language of its most enthusiastic votary it is at once the strength of youth and the solace of age—the adornment of prosperity—a refuge in distress—solitude's companion and society's delight.

The speakers were frequently applauded, and the historical data given by Mr. Chauveau, and the Bishop's eloquent address, were listened to with rare pleasure.—*Mercury*.

**Annual Report of the Superintendent of Education for the Province of Nova Scotia, for the school year ended the 31st October 1868.**

The progress of Education in our sister Province, exhibited by this report, must be gratifying to all friends of the cause.

It was our intention to have given a somewhat extended analysis of it, but now find want of space will prevent our doing so. We shall however give a few extracts.

The Report is divided into three parts,—Part I.—General Report; Part II.—Statistical Tables, and Part III.—Appendices. We shall confine our attention to Part I.

The following Summary of the more important statistics for the year present a condensed view of the condition of Education in the Province, as compared with the year 1866:

**SCHOOLS AND PUPILS.**

No. of Public Schools in operation :	
Winter Term, 1867.....	1129
Do. 1866.....	907
Increase.....	222
Summer Term, 1867.....	1416
Do. 1866.....	1170
Increase.....	246
Pupils Registered :	
Winter Term, 1867.....	61,718
Do. 1866.....	45,131
Increase.....	16,587
Summer Term, 1867.....	70,075
Do. 1866.....	56,017
Increase.....	14,058
Total No. attending Educational Institutions :	
Winter Term, 1867.....	62,396
Do. 1866.....	45,768
Increase.....	16,628
Summer Term, 1867.....	70,761
Do. 1866.....	56,676
Increase.....	14,085
No. of different Pupils reported attending the Public Schools during some portion of the school year 1867.....	83,058
Estimated do. do. 1866.....	71,059
Increase.....	11,999
Proportion of the present (1) population of the Province attending Public Schools during some portion of the year 1867.....	1 in 4.56
Estimated do. do. 1866.....	1 in 5.21
Increase.....	1 in 31.55 of pop.

(1) Estimated population of the Province in 1867, 378,323, as furnished by John Costley, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Statistics.

**No. of pupils daily present at Public Schools on an average :**

Winter Term, 1867.....	35,091.88
Do. 1866.....	25,988.86

Increase..... 9,103.02

Summer Term, 1867.....	38,993.70
Do. 1866.....	25,128.93

Increase..... 13,864.77

**No. of pupils daily present per 100 registered :**

Winter Term, 1867.....	56.86
Do. 1866.....	57.58

Decrease..... 0.72

Summer Term, 1867.....	55.36
Do. 1866.....	58.00

Decrease..... 2.64

**TEACHERS EMPLOYED.**

**Total No. Male Teachers :**

Winter Term, 1867.....	779
Do. 1866.....	603

Increase..... 176

Summer Term, 1867.....	743
Do. 1866.....	603

Increase..... 140

**Total No. Female Teachers employed :**

Winter Term, 1867.....	482
Do. 1866.....	326

Increase..... 156

Summer Term, 1867.....	716
Do. 1866.....	557

Increase..... 159

**Total No. of Licensed Teachers employed :**

Winter Term, 1867.....	1261
Do. 1866.....	929

Increase..... 332

Summer Term, 1867.....	1459
Do. 1866.....	1190

Increase..... 269

**SALARIES OF TEACHERS.**

**Total amount paid for salaries of teachers of public**

schools.....	\$263,867.97
Do. do. 1866.....	235,825.67

Increase..... \$28,042.30

**SCHOOL-HOUSES, FURNITURE, ETC.**

**Amount paid by the Province to aid poor sections in**

building.....	\$2873.79
Do. do. 1866.....	2845.29

Increase..... \$28.50

**Amount paid by the Province towards supplying books, maps, and apparatus.....**

Do. do. 1866.....	\$13,388.06
	4,855.72

Increase..... \$8,502.34

**Total amount expended by the various sections for all purposes, exclusive of "salaries" and "debt".....**

Do. do. 1866.....	\$181,876.00
	91,024.31

Increase..... \$90,851.69