

ture of the day. It was his good fortune soon to inspire confidence wherever he dealt; not only was credit at his command, but the friendly advice and companionship to the American markets, as time rolled on, of the late Mr. Barnes, of Hamilton, then the largest bookseller west of Toronto, was doubtless of material service. This advice, coupled with his own natural sense of honour, confirmed that straightforward integrity for which Mr. T. J. Day has ever been known during the twenty-six years he has been at Guelph in business.

The town has grown, so has Mr. Day's business, it may almost be said, "from Log Cabin to White House," for, from a very small beginning, he has probably the largest retail trade, Toronto excepted, in the Province. Mr. Day has not burdened himself with municipal or political affairs to any extent certainly, but has been content to benefit the inhabitants by adding to their number of days, and from the profits of his book-business he has managed to own a rent-roll of no inconsiderable measurement.

A couple of years ago Mr. Day thought he was entitled to a holiday, and, with a longing desire to revisit the scenes of his youth, he determined on a visit to the Old Country. In the result he was disappointed. He found the old place—that in his youth he had imagined a hive of industry, and the village shops the warehouse of the world—a great disappointment. A short time sufficed to dispel the illusions of boyhood, and he once more bid farewell for the newer and brighter scenes of Canada; more welcome, yet not more loved, than the historic land he was again leaving.

The secret of Mr. Day's success lies in his thorough devotion to his business; as he made it, it made him. "Day sells cheap," has long been his motto, and to do this he had to buy well—and he does do it—always for prompt cash, which makes his custom sought, and gives him the run of the market. To his brother tradesman he says, take no credit, and every year withdraw something, however small it may be, from your profits; if you find there are none, reduce your personal expenses until there are some. Indulge in no costly amusements, and waste no time before your stock is your own, and the future not unprovided for. We may only further add that Mr. Day is still in the prime of life, not yet having, apparently, reached the age of fifty years.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT FOR 1884.

The Minister's report has just been laid on the table of the Provincial Parliament. It is, as usual, a goodly-sized document of 258 pages, filled with statistics, which, whatever their value may be, at

least testify to great care and watchfulness on the part of the departmental staff.

From these tables we find:

1. The school population (comprising only children between the ages of five and sixteen years) reported by trustees was 478,791; decrease, 5,026. The school population and total attendance have been diminishing for some years.

2. The number of pupils between the ages of five and sixteen years attending the Public Schools, 452,661; decrease, 4,517. Number of pupils of other ages attending the schools, 11,708; decrease, 2,626. Total number of pupils attending the schools, 464,369; decrease, 7,143.

4. *Pupils.*—The number of pupils reported as attending the Separate Schools, 26,177; increase, 29. *Average attendance*, 13,705; increase, 131.

3. *Number of Pupils*, 11,843; decrease, 505. It is satisfactory to note that, while the total school population and attendance were slowly decreasing, the average attendance increased.

This table shows the number of pupils as classified under the present system in the Public Schools:

First Class	164,035
Second Class	106,482
Third Class	113,980
Fourth Class	70,104
Fifth Class	8,919
Sixth Class	849

While the total attendance at all the Public Schools in 1874 was 472,718, and in 1883, 477,212. The expenditure for Teachers was in 1873, \$1,647,750; in 1884 it was \$2,210,187; and for all educational purposes in 1873, \$3,351,582.

The following appears among the

ORDERS IN COUNCIL.

Reading Book (4th December, 1884). Upon consideration of the report of the Hon. the Minister of Education, dated 2nd December, 1884, the Committee of Council advise that the authorization of the third, fourth and fifth Readers now in use be extended to the 1st day of January, 1886.

The Committee further advise that in view of the early publication of a series of Readers prepared under the direction of the Education Department, to be known as the "Ontario Readers," the authorization of the "Royal" and "Canadian Readers" shall cease and determine on the First day of January, 1886.

Reading Books (18th December, 1884). Upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Minister of Education, the Committee advise that the agreement between William James Gage, the Canada Publishing Company (Limited), and Thomas Nelson and William Nelson, trading under the name and style of Thomas Nelson & Sons, and Her Majesty the Queen, represented by the Honourable the Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario, acting for the Education Department of Ontario, for the publication of a series of Readers, to be known as the "Ontario Readers," be approved of by Your Honour.

ONTARIO PHARMACISTS.—The Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacists held its semi-annual Session in Toronto January 4th to 7th. The most important matter was a resolution to purchase a lot