

than those having no certificates at all. This is an important matter to which we may refer at greater length at some future time. The average salary of male teachers in counties was \$382; of female teachers, \$247; in cities, of male teachers, \$730; of female teachers, \$313; in towns, of male teachers, \$577; of female teachers, \$274. We are sorry to note that there was a decrease of \$3 in the average salary paid to male teachers throughout the Province. The highest salary paid to any teacher in a county was \$800, the lowest \$125; in a city the highest was \$1,000, the lowest, \$500; and in a town the highest was \$1,200, and the lowest, \$200. It will be interesting to compare the salaries paid in this country with those paid in Scotland for instance. There the average salary for male teachers in 1878 was \$667, for female teachers, \$352; while 475 male teachers received salaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and upwards, and 214 female teachers received salaries ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 and upwards. Ontario is far from being the rich pasture land for teachers many people, in ignorance, or with narrowness of view, believe it to be. The number of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes in the Province continues at 104. They are in charge of 298 teachers,—an increase of 18. The average salary is \$748,—a decrease, for the year, of \$8. The number of scholars on the registers was 10,574, an increase of 1,345; and the total expenditure was \$396,010. This shews the cost per pupil registered to be \$37.45, but a few cents above what it was in the previous year. The average attendance for the whole year was 5,998, or 56 per cent. of the registered attendance; and the cost per pupil in average attendance was \$66. There were 35 registered pupils to each teacher; while in the Public Schools there were 75. Seventy-six of the High Schools are free, the rest charge a fee per term, ranging from 25 cents to \$5.

When we examine the statistical tables of the Normal and Model Schools, we find a great deal of pains displayed to afford information about matters that are of very little moment to any one. For example, who

cares how many applied for admission to the Toronto Normal School since it started, or how many were admitted or rejected? These facts have long since ceased to be of interest even to those who were personally concerned. But it is a matter of moment for the people of the country to know at what cost the young people who go to these institutions for their professional training are turned out as teachers. This information it is impossible to get in regard to the Toronto Normal School apart from the Model School, so we must be content with that supplied concerning the Ottawa Normal School, and supplement it by what is found in the treasurer's report of receipts and expenditure for 1878. We thus find that 87 students were admitted to this institution in 1878, and the gross expenditure for salaries and expenses was \$11,373.40. Hence each teacher in training cost the country \$130 for current expenses, without making any allowance for expenditure on capital account in the shape of buildings, etc.

Seeing that the training of first class teachers is being done at much less expense, and with as good result in our Collegiate Institutes and High Schools, it is worthy of the Minister's serious consideration whether he might not reduce the expenses of the Normal Schools by relieving them of the training of first class teachers altogether, and allowing the not over-worked staff to devote their energies, aided by abundant leisure, exclusively to the professional work legitimately belonging to them as Normal teachers. We must waive, for the present, any reference to the interesting matter contained in the appendices.

In the above synopsis we have tried to lay before our readers a clear and succinct statement of the more important and interesting features of Mr. Crooks' Report. Were we disposed to take a pessimist view of its tabulated results, we might say that they shew a rather retrograde tendency in educational matters, but this we believe is only temporary, and we have no doubt that when Mr. Crooks, a year hence, presents his report for the year just closed, he will be able