

... neither are there any materials at hand, except the Reports of the Inspectors and Training Masters, from which to make a compilation that shall exhibit with anything like certainty, the state of our educational institutions during the past year." Consequently, with such meagre materials, out of which to compile a report, we could not expect much better things.

The following **TABULAR REPORT** will show the state of the elementary schools for the last four years:—

Years	No. of Schools	Classification			Male	Female
		1st.	2d.	3d.		
1856	876	182	161	522	4-5	5-1
1857	892	216	172	466	4-9	5-5
1858	762	169	136	460	4-5	5-0
1859	818	223	176	419	4-6	5-7

Years	No. of Pupils.	Paid by Governr.		Paid by People.
		£	s.	
1856	29,977	£20,639		£16,675
1857	30,729	£21,438		£17,234
1858	24,138	£21,122		£12,161
1859	25,768	£20,162		£12,165

Religious denomination of teachers is thus given:—

1857—268 Episcopal; 198 R. Catholic; 148 Presb.; 144 Meth.; 237 Bap.; and 8 others.

1859—146 Episcopal; 157 R. Catholic; 135 Presb.; 95 Meth.; 185 Bap.; and 71 others.

DISCREPANCIES.—By abstract of table A "the whole No. of Schools" in

1859, is set down at 785

Abstract of table B gives 818

And the average number is 806

Again, the whole number of pupils who attended school during 1859, by abs. of table A is 23,682

By abstract of table B 25,758

And the average attendance is 13,760

Inspector Campbell's Report shows the total attendance of pupils at school in his district to be 8,537, while the tabulated report does not show so many by 159.

Inspector McLoughlin's report gives

6147 as the number who attended school in his district, while the tabulated report sets the number down at 5,665.

We do not pretend to say which of these statements is correct; but we do think, that the Province is paying enough to Inspectors and others to ensure the execution of reports that are more reliable than those before us.

Of the 25,758 pupils reported to have attended the elementary schools, 13,770 were males, 11,988 were females; of the whole number 23,759 were studying spelling, 21,216 reading, 16,503 writing, 15,074 arithmetic, 3,298 common needlework, 5,635 English grammar, 6,488 geography, 2,912 history, 470 book-keeping, 204 geometry, 254 mensuration, 60 land surveying, 41 navigation, 234 algebra.

We are somewhat at a loss to assign a reason for so many pupils studying Algebra, and so few studying the more practical branches, Land Surveying and Navigation.

There are 12 Superior Schools, distributed as follows:—Carleton 2, Northumberland 2, Restigouche 1, Saint John 3, Sunbury 1, Westmorland 1, and York 2. The total amount of Government allowance to this class of schools is £851, and £466 paid by the inhabitants. Total number of pupils 808, of whom 734 were learning to spell, 732 to read, and so in proportion of the other elementary branches; while there were 56 students in geometry, 61 in mensuration, 24 land surveying, 17 navigation, and 69 in algebra; here again, the proportion studying algebra is large.