

During the debate, in the Legislature, on this, so called amendment of the postage law, the *Instructor* was made honorable mention of, and several Members asked the government to allow it to pass free, which was refused.

Education in Canada East

The following statistics of Education in Lower Canada, we condense from the *Journal of Education*—published in Montreal. There were in 1859, 3,011 primary schools; showing an increase over 1858 of 211; the number of scholars 141,533; increase over previous year, 10,593. In addition to this large school attendance, 26,287 pupils and students attended Colleges and other high class institutions of education. More than two thirds of the teachers were females; and full two thirds of the whole number of teachers held diplomas. The wages of teachers averaged from one hundred dollars to four hundred per annum.

The following tabular statement will show the progress made during the years indicated by the table. The *Institutions* named includes Colleges, Academies, Grammar Schools, and all other institutions as well as Elementary Schools; *Pupils* include those who attended other institutions also. The average increase of school attendance has been over nine thousand per annum. This certainly speaks well for the School attendance in Canada East.

The progress of the Pupils is also in a healthy state. Let the reader compare the number studying the various branches named in Table in 1853, with the number studying the same branches in 1859, as well as with the intervening years, and it will be seen that the progress made is very satisfactory. In some particulars, the figures under 1859 present a remarkable contrast with those under 1853; for example, the number "learning Parsing" increased from 4412 in 1853 to 44,466 in 1859.

However, the whole can be seen at one view by reference to the table:—

Years;	1853	1854	1855	1856.	1857	1858	1859
Institutions,	2352	2795	2869	2919	2946	2955	3199
Pupils,	108284	119733	127068	143141	148798	156872	168148
Contributions, (in dolls.)	165848	233032	249136	406764	424208	459396	498436
Pupils reading well,	27367	32861	43407	46940	48833	52099	64362
" writing,	50072	47014	58033	60086	61943	65404	80152
Learning simple arith.,	18281	22897	30631	48859	52345	55347	63514
" compound "	12428	18073	22586	23431	26543	28196	30919
" Book-keeping,		799	1976	5012	5500	6689	7135
" Geography;	12185	13826	17700	30134	33606	37847	45393
" History;	6738	11486	15520	17580	26147	42316	45997
" French Gramr,	15353	17852	23260	39328	39067	43307	53452
" English "	7066	7097	9004	11824	12074	15348	19773
" Parsing,	4412	9283	16439	26310	34064	40733	44466