

well enforced by very prudent officers. The expense, \$12.32 per pupil, is moderate. The supervisor insists on ample supplies of fresh air, and one would suppose that there would be no difficulty in securing such a boon, the air being so free all around us. But in point of fact we find ventilation costly, owing mainly to human stupidity. We have no wish to speak disrespectfully of any of God's rational beings, but we may take leave to say that the lower grade of architects deserve the palm for utter lack of light and reason in their provisions for ventilation. Hence school-rooms and churches sometimes become nurseries of contagion and disease, and very often the fruitful cause of headaches and misery, just because the supply of fresh air is utterly inadequate. Our educationists must fight the battle of reform in this line. We may say that the reader rises from the perusal of Supervisor McKay's report with the comfortable conviction that steady progress is being made in this city in educational work. The city spends much money on the cause, but it is money well spent. —*Halifax Presbyterian Witness.*

P. E. ISLAND.

The report of the schools of P. E. Island for 1892 has been received. There were 22,169 pupils enrolled and the percentage of attendance was 58.58 — the highest of any province in the dominion. The total amount expended by government for education was \$114,570.15. Amount per pupil paid by government, \$5.12.

The highest salary paid a first-class male teacher, \$820
 " lowest " " " " 330
 " highest " " " female " 330
 " lowest " " " " 330
 " highest " " second " male " 468
 " lowest " " " " " 225
 " highest " " " " female " 424
 " lowest " " " " " 180

The attendance at Prince of Wales College last year was 143. The superintendent recommends better remuneration for the inspectors, of whom there are three. An odd feature in the inspector's reports is a list of the best teachers in their districts. It is no wonder that at each change of government the inspectors have their heads taken off in an official sense. We have the reason now. A fee may be exacted for pupils attending the high schools, but any pupil not able to pay may obtain tuition free. Teachers may be dismissed at any time upon receiving thirty days notice. No clergyman is eligible for any school office. There is a compulsory clause in the school law.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The twenty-first annual report of the schools of British Columbia is at hand and is a very voluminous one, giving most minute particulars concerning each school, even to the boundaries of the district. The number of Maritime Province men and women engaged in teaching there is very large. They are evidently much appreciated. Among these may be mentioned David Wilson, B. A.; Inspector Thos. A. McGarrigle, B. A.; F. M. Cowperthwaite, B. A.; John McMillan, B. A.; Alex. Robinson, B. A., and Miss Ellen F. Rogers, all from New Brunswick. From Nova Scotia may be noted Michael McKinnon, M. A.; Hector M. Stramberg, B. A.; Robert Landells, B. A.; John Miller, B. Sc.; O. H. Cogswell, B. A.; J. H. Secord, B. A. Male teachers in the cities and towns receive from \$100 to \$120 per month, and lady principals nearly as much. One-half of these salaries is paid by the government. To us in these provinces the salaries paid in the western province seem very liberal. No doubt the cost of living is much greater there than here. Lest any of our teachers should be tempted by such inducements, it may be added that the superintendent remarks that the supply of teachers in British Columbia is now fully up to the demand.

As cannot be otherwise, from the liberal appropriations made for education, the schools are very progressive and well organized. The supervision seems to be very thorough and far-reaching. Great efforts are made to interest the public, and school exhibitions are much emphasized.

Grade A first class certificates are for life, or during good behaviour. The other classes of license are progressive and the certificates are limited in tenure.

The number of pupils enrolled last year was 10,773 and the percentage of attendance was about 60. The amount expended upon education was \$160,627.80. The average monthly salaries of the teachers for the whole province was \$61.18. Monitors receive on an average \$40 per month. The cost per pupil, based on enrolment, was \$14.91, on average daily attendance, \$25.79.

The high schools of British Columbia are very efficient and well attended. There are as yet no normal schools and no colleges.

Some of the regulations differ from ours and will be of interest to teachers. From April to October inclusive the hours of attendance are from 9 a. m. to 12 a. m., and from 1 p. m. to 3.30 p. m. From November to March inclusive from 9.30 a. m. to 12 a. m., and from 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. The division of the school terms is the same as in New Brunswick. Each teacher in the city schools is required to attend the examinations in other schools after the closing of his own school. For misconduct teachers may suspend pupils for a specified time, not to exceed one week. School meetings are held in rural districts on the last Saturday in June. In cities, trustees are elected by the direct vote of the ratepayers.