

EDUCATION REPORT, 1877.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
Halifax, February, 1878.

TO THE HONORABLE THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,—

I beg to submit for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, the Annual Report of the Education Department for the year ending October 31st, 1877. As the year whose educational operations are herein recorded, terminated prior to my appointment to the office of Superintendent, I am not in a position to offer extended comments and suggestions in conformity with antecedent usage respecting the various departments of this important public service. No pains have been spared to present the Statistical Abstract, and the Tables from which it has been condensed in an intelligible form, so that all who are interested in the education of the Province may have placed before them a summary view of its condition, so far forth as numerical results and comparisons can exhibit it. These statistics will be rendered additionally instructive if studied in connection with the Supplementary Reports of the Principal of the Normal School, and of the Inspectors of Schools for the various Counties:—

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT.

1. SCHOOL SECTIONS.

Total No. of School Sections, 1877	1770
" " " 1876	1754
Increase	16
No. of School Sections having no School during any portion of the year, 1877	143
No. of School Sections having no School during any portion of the year, 1876	186
Decrease	43