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In connexion with the subject of teachers' salaries discussed in the last issue, the following information in regard to the salaries of United States, Swiss, and French school masters and mistresses will be of interest:—The average inclusive salaries paid to teachers in the different cantons of Switzerland are as follows.—In Basle: masters £128, mistresses £61; in Zurich: masters £89, mistresses £72; in Geneva: masters £87, mistresses £49; in Berne: masters £55, mistresses £41; and in Valais: masters £17, mistresses £13. There has been a sensible advance in the salaries of the mistresses during the ten years 1871-81. The increase of salaries for both men and women is given as: in Basle 30 per cent.; in Zurich 56 per cent.; in Geneva 68 per cent.; in Berne 29 per cent., and in Valais 75 per cent.; or

an average increase for the whole of Switzerland of 42 per cent. for men, and of 38 per cent. for women. The salaries paid at Paris are as follows:—Head Masters: Class 1, 10 at 4,500 fr. (£180), plus residence, etc.; Class 2, 20 at 4,200 fr., plus residence, etc.; Class 3, 30 teachers at 3,900 fr. (£156); Class 4, 40 at 3,600 fr. (£144); and Class 5, any number at 3,300 fr. (£132). Head Mistresses of Girls' Schools: Class 1, 15 teachers at 3,750 fr. (£150); class 2, 25 at 3,500 fr. (£140); class 3, 35 at 3,250 fr. (£130); class 4, 45 at 3,000 fr. (£120); and class 5, any number at 2,750 fr. (£110). Head Mistresses of Ecoles Maternelles (Infant Schools, 2-6 years): Class 1, 10 teachers at 3,750 fr.; class 2, 20 at 3,500 fr.; class 3, 30 at 3,250 fr.; class 4, 35 at 3,000 fr., and class 5, any number at 2,750 fr. Assistants, Boys: Class 1, 100 at 3,000 fr., class 2, 150 at 2,700 fr.; class 3, 200 at 2,400 fr.; class 4, 250 at 2,100 fr.; and class 5, any number at 1,800 fr. Girls: Class 1, 100 at 2,500 fr.; class 2, 150 at 2,250 fr.; class 3, 200 at 2,000 fr.; class 4, 250 at 1,750 fr.; class 5, any number at 1,500 fr. Infants: Class 1, 15 at 2,500 fr.; class 2, 30 at 2,250 fr.; class 3, 45 at 2,000 fr.; class 4, 60 at 1,750 fr.; and class 5, any number at 1,500 fr.

Each teacher has a residence or an allowance instead of it. Head Masters, 800 fr. (£32); assistants, 600 fr. (£24). In schools of over 500 children, boys or girls, there is a teacher who belongs to a class of chief assistants—for boys' schools there are 20, receiving 3,300 fr. (£132), for girls' there are 10, receiving 2,750 fr. (£110). Again, there are fifty men and fifty women employed as teachers "on supply" to replace those who are absent. These are paid—men, 1,200 fr.; women, 1,000 fr. for fixed salary, and five francs for each day of work as a supply.

In some of the States of the Union salaries are paid monthly according to the following table: Illinois—males, \$46.86; females, \$37.76; average number of days schools are open, 150. Maine—males, \$37.39; females, \$22.40; average number

of days schools are open, 117. Massachusetts—males, \$102.90; females, \$34.32; average number of days schools are open, 178. Michigan—males, \$41.56; females, 27.44; average number of days schools are open, 148. New York \$43.28, average number of days schools are open, 176. Ohio—males, \$39.00; females, 29.00; average number of days schools are open, 155. Pennsylvania—males, \$35.12, females, 28.89; average number of days schools are open, 154. Wisconsin—males, \$38.91; females, \$25.40; average number of days schools are open, 175.

With these figures may be compared the salaries of teachers in Canada. From the statistics of the Minister of Education (Ontario) for 1884, we find that the highest salary paid is \$1,200, an increase of 20 per cent. during the preceding nine years; the average Provincial salary for a male teacher \$426, an increase of 10 per cent. for the same period; the average (Provincial) salary for a female teacher \$279, an increase of 8 per cent., average salary for male teachers in counties \$404; female teachers \$264, with an increase of 10 per cent. in each case; in cities the average for males is \$791, for females \$364, with increase of 9 and 16 per cent. respectively; in towns the respective averages are \$612 and \$283, with 8 and 6 per cent. increase.

These figures should be considered in the light of the different conditions of life in the different countries mentioned. But it is improbable that the expense of food and clothing for the ordinary teacher vary sufficiently to invalidate any conclusions which may be drawn from the statistics given above.

One feature common to Switzerland and Canada is the rise in the average salaries during the past nine or ten years. The increase has been much greater in the former country—by many considered a model in its educational systems. The highest increase in Canada is twenty per cent. This is in the case of the highest salary paid. In Switzerland the increase has, in one instance, been as much as seventy-five per cent.