

to exist in the minds of some of the inhabitants of this city that our schools cost too much in proportion to the work which they accomplish. The correctness of such a view can be fairly tested only by comparison of the work and cost in question with the work done in other cities, whose school circumstances nearly resemble our own, and with the expense at which that work is performed. I have therefore carefully prepared Appendix No. 1, J., which furnishes an accurate statement of the school work and expenditure of the City of Toronto, as compared with those of Detroit and Oswego, both of which cities are easily accessible and tolerably well known to our fellow citizens. The authorities for my facts and figures are the able Public School reports of those cities respectively, for the year 1859, obviously the latest which are at this date available for the purpose.

I.—SUMMARY OF SCHOOLS, SCHOOL DAYS, TEACHERS, AND ATTENDANCE AND COST OF PUPILS, FOR THE YEAR 1860.

The following summary shows the number of Schools, of days during which the Schools were open, of Teachers, and of Pupils in attendance; together with the entire cost of the Schools for the year, and the cost per Pupil.

1.—NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.

The number of Schools was 8, namely, the Palace Street, George Street, Park, Victoria Street, Louisa Street, John Street, Phoebe Street, and Givins Street Schools; each of which has a separate Male and Female Department.

2.—NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS.

During the six months ending June 30th.....	118
During the six months ending December 31st, in which the Summer Holidays were included	99
Total	217

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