

TEACHERS.

During the year the professional corps in active service embraced :—

46	Teachers of the First Class—Males.
90	“ “ “ Second “ “
75	“ “ “ Third “ “

AND

19	Teachers of the First Class—Females.
31	“ “ “ Second “ “
31	“ “ “ Third “ “

Being in all 211 males and 81 females. In addition to these, 12 male and 9 female assistant teachers were employed.

By Terms,—

22	First Class—Males.
42	Second “ “
37	Third “ “
10	First Class—Females.
16	Second “ “
14	Third “ “

were employed during the Winter Term, and

24	First Class—Males.
48	Second “ “
38	Third “ “
9	First Class—Females.
15	Second “ “
17	Third “ “

during the Summer Term.

With respect to professional status, as compared with previous terms, it affords me pleasure to report progress, clear and unmistakable. We have a steadily increasing minority of *superior* teachers, a very fair show of *good* ones, a large number varying from “very fair” to “fair,” and from fair to “poor” and “very poor.”

When allotments to teachers, from the Provincial Treasury, will be paid according to a regular scale of inspection results—new life and vigor will be infused into the whole educational system.

School Attendance.—During the Winter Term 4955 pupils were registered, and 5484 names were entered during the Summer Term. This is a large enrolment when it is remembered that there are but 5674 children between 5 and 16 in the County. 6602 *different* children attended schools during some portion of the year—being something like 25 *per centum* of the present population of the County. During the Winter Term 52 pupils younger than *five* and 636 over *fifteen* attended schools, and during the Summer Term the names of 165 pupils younger than *five*, and 265 over *fifteen* were enrolled. I regret to find in almost every section that a number of the pupils who attend and frequently do well during the Winter Term, drop off towards the close of the Term, and are not again seen within the school house walls until the commencement of the next Winter Term. When the attendance is irregular meagre results invariably follow.

Ways and Means.—It appears there are 3284 rate-payers in the County—representing property liable to assessment for school purposes valued at \$14288515. Balance on hand from the previous year footing up the amount of \$260; sectional assessment, \$10230; County fund, \$7024; money borrowed, \$132; and receipts from other sources, \$1170—constitute a total aggregate of