

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT.

To the Board of Management of the Mackay Institution for Protestant Deaf-Mutes and the Blind.

The school session of 1889-90 began on the 2nd Wednesday of September, 1889.

The majority of the pupils returned promptly, but as was expected the attendance during the year did not reach the number of the previous term. Four new pupils were admitted as against eight removed, bringing down the attendance to forty, two of whom were present during a portion of the session only. Earnest efforts were made through means of the Press, the Clergy, School teachers and Postmasters to ascertain the whereabouts of all the Protestant deaf of school age in this Province. These enquiries brought to our notice seventeen deaf children, eight of whom were admitted prior to September 30th, 1890. Three will probably enter later on in the session, while from six, no definite replies have yet been received: The following statistics, derived from reliable sources, will serve to show how many children ought to be in attendance.

Estimating the Protestant population of this Province to be 200,000 (two hundred thousand), and accepting the recognized ratio of 1 deaf-mute to 1,500 hearing people, we get a total of 134 Protestant deaf-mutes, of whom probably 62 are under 20 years of age. Those under 20 years of age may be classified as follows:—

In attendance.....	37
Honourably discharged.....	9
Of age, but not yet entered (communicated with).....	9
Under age or unknown.....	7
Total.....	62

(Note. Add to the 37 enrolled from this Province:— 3 pupils from Ontario, 1 from New Brunswick, 1 from British Columbia, 1 from Vermont, 1 from California; 5 blind pupils, and our total enrolment at the present time (September 30th, 1890) is 49.)