

ject. It is to be regretted that her letters to the Department do not appear to be on file, but their substance may be conjectured by the following letters in reply from the Minister of Education:—

"Education Department, Toronto, November 6, 1897.

"My Dear Madam,—I have your letter of the 2nd inst., and am delighted to notice the loyal tone with which it is animated. As Canadians we have been greatly at fault in neglecting the cultivation of a patriotic spirit, and if the formation of a league such as you suggest could be of service for that purpose, as I am sure it would, it ought to receive the support of every patriotic Canadian. As there is no provision in the regulations of the Department for flag exercises of any kind, I think it would be well to consult the Inspector, and perhaps the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, before such exercises were introduced into the schools. So far as the Education Department is concerned, you may rest assured that any effort to foster in our school children a love for our country will receive the most cordial support. I shall ever be prepared to consider any general scheme for the schools of the whole Province that may be submitted.

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Ross.

"Mrs. Fessenden, 264 Macnab street, Hamilton."

"Education Department, Toronto, December 23, 1897.

"My Dear Madam,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter suggesting the 10th of February as Flag Day. I think the date is well chosen, as it marks a most important era in the history of the country, and I shall take the matter into consideration. It would be of some advantage if the scheme were taken up by the Hamilton Board of Trustees, as that would call public attention to the movement, and perhaps make it easier for the Department to act. Yours truly,

Geo. W. Ross.

"Mrs. Fessenden, 264 Macnab street, Hamilton."