

that the Provincial Report for last year cannot be printed previous to the meeting of the Legislature, before which it must be laid—as that Report exhibits the progress which has been made in the several departments of the Common School System, the great value of the various new school statistics which have been furnished in the last Reports of the District Superintendents, and the great importance of complete school statistics from the several Districts.

1. The first suggestion I desire to make relates to *filling up all the columns* referring to *each school*. For instance, in some cases where there may not be reported to the District Superintendent the exact length of time a school may have been kept open, or the exact number of pupils attending the school, he should not leave the column blank, but set down what he thinks is correct, with a remark to that effect. All such omissions reduce, or prevent getting anything like the correct *average* for the whole Township or District relative to the number of pupils attending the schools, or the time that schools are kept open. The same remark applies to omissions on any other subjects embraced in the reports. The District Superintendents, from their own local knowledge, and the experience and reports of past years, can approximate the truth respecting such items as may, in some cases be omitted in Trustees reports. *Attention to this suggestion on the part of both Trustees and District Superintendents, lies at the foundation of full and complete statistical school returns for Upper Canada.*

2. My second suggestion is, that the returns for each *Township* should be accurately added up, the total under each head set down, except in those columns which require the *average* attendance of pupils and the average salaries of Teachers to be given; which *averages* should also in all cases be inserted.

3. The third suggestion is, that an *abstract* of the reports for the *several Townships* be made at the bottom of *each* sheet, under the several heads contained in such sheet; and then an *average* under the several heads for the *whole District*.

4. I beg also to suggest, that the *number* and *salaries* of *male* and *female* Teachers in each Township be distinctly stated, and the *average* salaries of each, (whether with or without board,) be given; and then the average salaries of each class for the whole District. The religious faith of the Teachers should also be stated, as directed in the Book of Forms and Regulations, and provided for also in the Trustees' blank Reports.

5. In respect to the *money* columns of your Report, in that under the head, "Amount received from the Chief-Superintendent," should be set down what you *apportioned* to a School Section from the *Legislative Grant*, and not what you may have *paid* to such Section out of said Grant; and under the head, "Amount assessed by the Municipal Council," should be set down what you have *apportioned* to such Section from the Council Assessment of the School Fund, and not what you may have *paid* such Section from that source. The column headed, "Amount received from other sources," should specially include what may have been apportioned (if any) to each Section from previous years' balances of the School Fund. The column headed, "Balance still unappropriated," should embrace the balances available *from all sources* (including Rate-bill, &c.,) and not merely the balance of the School Fund