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COUNTY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS IN U. C.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR TO THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS, LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS, VISITORS, TRUSTEES, AND TEACHERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN UPPER CANADA.

GENTLEMEN,-In applying myself to establish and mature our present system of public instruction, it was part of my plan to visit foreign countries once in five years in order to make comparisons and acquire information as to systems of public instruction; and also to visit each County in Upper Canada once in five years, in order to give and acquire information, and to hold free consultations as to the progress and defects of our own system of public instruction and the best means of improving and adapting it to the institutions and wants of our country. I was unable to make this tour last year as I had intended; but I purpose in the course of the next two months, Providence permitting, to visit each County, or Union of Counties, in Upper Canada, for the purpose of holding a County School Convention of all school officers and other friends of general education who may attend. The law makes it the duty of each Local Superintendent "to meet and confer with the Chief Superintendent of Education at such time and place as he may appoint when making an official visit to the County for the promotion altered, as above.

of the interests of Education." By law, all Clergymen, Judges, Members of the Legislature, Members of County Councils, and Aldermen, are School Visitors; and I will be happy to meet and confer not only with School Visitors and Local Superintendents, but also with as many Trustees, Teachers and friends of Education generally (male and female) as can make it convenient to attend-including, of course, such Trustees and other school officers and promoters of Education as reside in cities, towns, and incorporated villages in each County, or Union of Counties, within the limits of which a County Convention may be held.

The object of each Convention will be-

1. To answer any questions which may be proposed, and give any explanations which may be desired respecting the several provisions of the School Laws;

2. To consider any suggestions which may be made for the improvement of the laws, and for the improvement of the Schools, the diffusion of Education, and the extension and usefulness of the Public Libraries.

I purpose to deliver a short Address at the opening of each County School Convention.

The meeting of each Convention will take place at half-past one in the afternoon, and the proceedings will commence PRE-CISELY AT TWO, whether few or many are present.

The time and place of each of the proposed County School Conventions are as follows :

Conventious are		_		
Counties.	Towns. . St. Catharines	Days. Monday	Dates January	16.
	. Merrittsville		() (iii (iii (iii (iii (iii (iii (iii (17.
	. Cayuga		"	18.
	. Brantford		"	19.
	. Simcoe		"'	20.
Wellington	. Guelph	Monday,	"	23.
	., Berlin		"	24.
	. Stratford		"	25.
Huron & Bruce	. Goderich	Thursday,	" "	26.
Lambton	. Sarnia	Saturday,	"	28.
Essex	. Sandwich	Monday,	"	30.
Kent	Chatham	Tuesday,	"	31.
Middlesex	London	Wednesday,	February	7 1.
Elgin	St. Thomas	Thursday,	"	2.
Oxford	Woodstock	Friday,	"	3.
Wentworth	Hamilton	Monday,	"	6.
Halton	Milton	Tuesday,	""	7.
Peel	Brampton	Wednesday,	"	8.
*Simcoe	Barrie (at 11 a.m.).	Thursday,	"	9.
	Owen Sound (7 p.m.		"	10.
*York	Newmarket	Monday,	"	13.

* The dates at which the meetings in these counties will be held, have been