

remarks, 'There are four circumstances which encourage the most sanguine anticipations in regard to our educational future. The first is, the avowed and entire absence of all party spirit in the school affairs of our country, from the provincial legislature down to the smallest municipality. The second is the precedence which our Legislature has taken of all others on the western side of the Atlantic in providing for normal-school instruction, and in aiding teachers to avail themselves of its advantages. The third is, that the people of Upper Canada have during the last year, voluntarily taxed themselves for the salaries of teachers in a larger sum in proportion to their numbers, and have kept open their schools, on an average, more months than the neighbouring citizens of the State of New York. The fourth is, that the essential requisites of suitable and excellent textbooks, which have been introduced into our schools, with the necessary books, maps and apparatus, will soon be in advance of those of any other country.'

In fact, the system of education now established in Canada, far exceeds, in its comprehensive details, anything established in the United Kingdom. While all the ordinary plans of national education in the mother country have been delivered over to sectarian disputation and obstruction, those in Canada have been perfected and brought into operation, to the universal satisfaction of the people.