

Attorney General that the appropriation of land was not sufficiently sanctioned to authorise a grant in other portions than limited by His Majesty's Commission, they thought it proper to recommend that His Excellency should call the attention of His Majesty's Government to a formal sanction to sell, lease, grant and dispose of the said 500,000 acres of land for the purpose of establishing a University in this Province, endowed by Royal Charter, as provision for District schools was not, by them, thought necessary out of this fund, as it had been already made by the Legislature, and that in order to construct the necessary building the sum of £10,000 would be required, with an endowment of £4,000 per annum, for the payment of salaries.

From this condensed view of the proceedings of the Executive Council on the munificent provision for the diffusion of education in this Province, the Committee are struck with the singular fact that no apparent benefit has resulted to the inhabitants of the country from the school reservation for a period of thirty years, and that the original intention of the Legislature expressed in the Joint Address to His Majesty as well as His Majesty's most gracious desire to meet their wishes by the establishment of free grammar schools in those Districts in which they are called for, and in due process of time to establish other seminaries of a more extensive nature; have hitherto, as far as your committee can judge, been lost sight of, and for no other reason that your committee can discover than that a school has by an act of the Legislature been already established in each District with a salary of one hundred pounds to the Master. But this very limited provision, your committee respectfully submit ought not to deprive the people of their just claim to a participation in the benefits of the school lands, and to that end the committee suggest that the Legislature ought now to address His Majesty setting forth the great value of these lands and the ample means which they afford to carry into effect the benevolent intentions of his late Royal Father, by an endowment from their proceeds, for each District, of at least four hundred pounds, which added to the present appropriation would support eleven respectable seminaries where the youth of the Province generally might receive a liberal education without being removed many hundred miles from the tender care and watchful authority of their Parents, as must be the case if these lands are exclusively applied to establish and support King's College or any other extensive university which can only be viewed as of benefit to those whose wealth enables them to bear the great expense of sending their children to the capital of the Province—Your Committee also recommend, that besides the above endow-

ment, the sum of two thousand pounds might be set apart for the annual support of a Provincial Seminary at York, whether called Upper Canada College or by any other name, and that a suitable sum should be expended to erect the necessary buildings, and also to defray the expense of buildings for the free Grammar Schools.

That besides these endowments your committee are of opinion that the great value and extent of the reservation will afford the means of providing a salary of fifty pounds each to the Teachers, of at least twelve township schools, in every District, and thus give to Upper Canada a system of Education that might well be envied by any other Colony in His Majesty's dominions.

The data upon which Your Committee have made the foregoing suggestions are the following, viz. That the whole reservation of 549,217 acres, if sold, at the average price of 10s. per acre would give a capital of £274,608 producing, if invested at the rate of five per cent. interest an annual income of £13,730 a sum sufficient to endow the schools, which your committee conceive to be necessary, besides leaving an important balance to defray the expense of the sales and collecting the money.

Eleven Grammar Schools at £400 is.....	£4,400	0	0
1 College at York,.....	2,000	0	0
132 Township schools, being 12 in each District, £50 each, ..	6,600	0	0
Balance,.....	730	0	0
	£13,730	0	0

Your Committee, in assuming that these lands will sell at the above rate, conceive that they have much underrated their actual value, as it is generally understood that the Council of King's College, have estimated 225,273 acres of Crown Reserves, which were exchanged for and now form a part of the school reservation as worth one pound an acre.

Your Committee, taking all the circumstances of this highly important subject into their most serious consideration, and averse to an extensive endowment out of this fund to King's College or any other University until the original intention of founding a free Grammar school in each District has first been carried into effect, earnestly recommend to the House that an humble address be forth with transmitted to His Majesty representing the manifest injury that is inflicted on the Inhabitants of this province by the endowment of the best half of the school-reservation for the establishment of a seminary far exceeding the wants of the country, and solemnly beseeching His