

river Credit. By and by he was editor for the Guardian, the newspaper of his church. Afterwards we find him principal of Victoria College in Cobourg. (This college was later moved to Toronto.)

The best years of Dr. Ryerson's life were given to his country as Superintendent of Education in Ontario.

When he entered on his duties the province was thinly peopled and had been much disturbed during long years of war, so the schools were not of much value.

School-houses were built of logs and had only one room. They were badly lighted, poorly heated in winter and very hot in summer.

The pupils sat on rough benches without any backs. Books were not much in common use and cost a great deal. The teachers had little training to prepare them for their duties and they "boarded round," living for a short time at each pupil's home.

Now that the country was opened up and peace reigned, the new Superintendent brought about many changes with his wise laws.