

ledging the interest with which we have perused its varied and valuable contents. The labours of the Rev. Dr. Ryerson in the cause of education in Western Canada are known far and near. The Doctor is a man of commanding talent, and of rare courage and perseverance. It may be said of him that he has fought every inch of ground to his present lofty eminence; and certainly his countrymen,—for he is a Canadian,—cannot feel otherwise than rejoiced at his success, seeing that his triumph is theirs, the result of his labours being the establishment of a system of education for their country of the highest value and renown. We use the latter term advisedly, for it has come to our knowledge that not only in the United States, and the Sister Colonies, but also in Great Britain have the educational institutions of Western Canada, as founded and fostered by Doctor Ryerson, been regarded not merely as a success, but as a credit to our times.

The report before us shows no diminution in the labours of the worthy superintendent. We see in it one hundred and seventy-three pages of closely-printed matter embracing first, a general report; second a statistical report; then, miscellaneous papers; and finally, appendices of a valuable nature. Table S (page 142) gives an educational summary for the year 1850, shewing the number of common schools to be 3,953, increase over the previous year 87; number of common school pupils, 301,592, increase 7,000; number of Grammar schools 81, increase 6; other educational institutions, including normal, model, and model grammar schools, 338, increase 21; pupils, 8273, increase 566. Total number of educational institutions, 4372; total number of pupils attending them, 314,246. Amount expended for educational purposes during 1850, \$1,389,582. In reference to this expenditure it is stated, (page 13) "that little more than one-tenth of the sums of money mentioned have been provided by the Legislature from endowments and grants. The Legislature imposes no tax for any educational purpose. All the rest of the large sums mentioned are provided by voluntary local taxation, and other exertions in each municipality;" a feature in the system highly honorable to Upper Canada.

Were we to consult our individual tastes much more would be extracted from this most excellent report, but the amount of space at our command forbids further indulgence of this kind. Let us, however, say to all into whose hands thereport may come, to examine and study it as a document from which both pleasure and profit is to be derived.

PERISCOPIC DEPARTMENT.

MEDICINE.

HISTORY OF THE CHOLERA AT MONTREAL.

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Query XII.—What were the most common exciting causes? What do you think of the expediency of eating garden vegetables and ripe fruit during the prevalence of the epidemic?