

The Committee on School Management made their usual visit of inspection to the several Schools, in the month of March.

Their Report as well as the action of the Committee on Sites and Buildings, with respect to the Elizabeth Street School House, will appear under the heading: "Special matters worthy of record."

As it may be interesting to the Board and to the public to know the estimate formed of our City Schools, and of other Canadian Common Schools, by, perhaps, the most competent witness who has passed an opinion upon them—the Rev. James Fraser, M.A., one of the Assistant Commissioners appointed by the Queen to inquire into the Schools of England, Scotland, the United States, and Canada—I subjoin the following brief extracts from Mr. Fraser's Report, as quoted in the *Ontario Journal of Education*, for December, 1867; merely premising that Mr. Fraser's observation were made in the summer of 1865.

"The Schools that I saw at work were the City Schools of Toronto, those of Ottawa, and one or two Village Schools. They were characterized by a remarkable similarity of system, and the differences observable between them were differences of degree rather than of kind; and as I had abundant opportunities of ascertaining the opinions of persons thoroughly conversant with the system, both theoretically and practically, and have besides carefully read the extracts from the reports of Local Superintendents, published in the report of the Chief

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