

quired to make up their accounts to the 1st of March in each year, accompanied with vouchers to the County Auditors ; and I will extend the time for the Auditors to examine them, and the County Clerk to transmit to this Department the abstract of them, together with the Auditors' general Report, as required by law, until the 1st of April, leaving myself but one month instead of two to examine the returns before making the annual apportionment of the Legislative School grant. *Sixthly*—That each Local Superintendent be instructed to transmit to the County Auditors a statement of the apportionment made, and the checks issued by him, that the Auditors may thus be able to detect any error, (or fraud, if any should be attempted,) on the part of teachers or treasurers. Thus will all parties concerned, stand above suspicion, and the accurate accounting for school moneys will be satisfactory and complete. I may add, that I practise the same careful and accurate system of accounting for all public moneys that pass through my hands, which I wish to see observed in each Municipality in Upper Canada.

7. In conclusion, I have great pleasure in referring to the Supplementary School Bill, which has just been passed by the Legislature, and the provisions of which remedy nearly all the defects which the experience of three years, and a tour of consultation to the several counties of Upper Canada, have pointed out in the School Act of 1850, without changing any of the organic principles or general provisions of that Act. I have no doubt that the provisions of the Supplementary School Act will greatly contribute to the removal of doubts and embarrassments, the lessening of disputes, the increase of facilities, in the administration of the School Law, and the rapid diffusion of education and general knowledge throughout Upper Canada. The increase this year in the Legislative Grant for the support of Common Schools will require a corresponding increase in the amount of Municipal School Assessments ; and as the 13th Section of the Supplementary School Act does not permit in any