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Addressed by the Chief Superintendent to each of the several District Superintendents of Common Schools in Upper Canada, relative to the local School Reports for the year 1848.

EDUCATION OFFICE, Toronto, Dec. 15th, 1848.

SIR:

Several weeks since I transmitted to you blank School Reports for the current year for all the Trustees of Common Schools in your District. Though it is not the required duty of this Office to do more than prepare a general form for such reports, I have thought it advisable to do the same this year as last—furnish a copy of such form for each corporation of Trustees throughout the Province. I have also appended to each of those forms directions for filling them up, and have made the headings of the several columns so plain, by the introduction of explanatory words, that Trustees will not, I hope, be at a loss or liable to mistake in filling them up this year, as was said to have been the case in some instances last year. I take it for granted that you have duly distributed these blank reports to the several Trustee corporations of your District, with the requisite directions for their return to you early in January, correctly and properly filled up.

In addition to these blank reports for Trustees, I have prepared and transmitted a *blank District Report* for yourself—the paper selected and ruled for the purpose—the printed headings attached to the sheets, and the several sheets joined together, and arranged in the form most convenient for you to fill up. It only remains for me to offer some suggestions in respect to your own Report for the current year; for in consequence of omissions and defects in the District Superintendents' Reports of last year, upwards of three months additional labour for one person was thrown upon this Office. The columns of only four of last year's local Reports were added up at all; and only two of them contained abstracts of the Reports of the several Townships mentioned; and only a few of them presented any general review or summary observations on the real or comparative state of the schools in the respective Districts. Nevertheless, the District Reports of last year were more accurate, and vastly more comprehensive than those of any preceding year; and I regret