

with the rest of British North America, or those of isolated independence, we have no reason for apprehension or discouragement, having within ourselves, under the Divine blessing, all the essential elements and resources of nationality, freedom, progress and happiness.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient and humble servant,

E. RYERSON.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Toronto, March 4th, 1868.