

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FOR UPPER CANADA, 1861.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Viscount Monck, Governor-General of Canada:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

In presenting my Report on the condition of the Normal, Model, Grammar, and Common Schools of Upper Canada for the year 1861, it is my pleasing duty to state, that, although the Country still feels the effect of the previous years' commercial depression and disasters, there has been a large increase in the most important branches of our School operations during the year,—such as the aggregate attendance of Pupils at School, the amount provided for the support of Schools, and the amount of Teachers' Salaries, etcetera. The Statistical Tables, which form the Second part of this Report, present a full and detailed view of the character, state and progress of the Schools: I will limit myself, however, to the following summary references to them:—

I. TABLE A.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF COMMON SCHOOL MONEYS.

1. The amount apportioned and paid by this Department from the Legislative Grant, for Salaries of Common School Teachers in 1861, was \$5,513 over the apportionment of 1860.

2. The amount apportioned and paid for the purchase of Maps, Apparatus, Prizes, and Libraries,—being in proportion, and equal, to the amount expended from local sources,—was \$9,145; being a decrease of \$816.

3. The School Law requires that each Municipality shall provide a sum by Assessment at least equal to the Legislative Grant; but each Municipality can provide as large an additional sum as it may think proper for School purposes. The amount provided by Municipal Assessment was \$278,085, which, although \$608 less than that of the preceding year, exceeded the Legislative Grant by the sum of \$121,053.

4. As the Council in the Municipality, so the Trustees in a School Section, have authority to provide money for the support of their School, or Schools, by Assessment, and also by Fees on Pupils, unless the Rate-payers decide in favour of a Free School. The amount of Assessment levied by School Trustees, in addition to the \$278,085 levied by the Municipal Councils, was \$587,297; being an increase of \$30,614.

5. Rate-bill Fees on Pupils are only imposed where the Schools are not free. The amount of Rate-bills imposed in 1861 was \$82,873; being a decrease of \$8,634.

6. The amount received by the School Trustees from the Clergy Reserve Fund and other sources was \$130,375; being an increase of \$23,636. The large amount which the Municipalities have appropriated from the Clergy Reserve Fund for School purposes, may account for the small decrease of \$608 in the Municipal Assessment of \$278,085.

7. The amount available for Schools in 1861 from the balances of 1860, was \$136,469; being an increase of \$7,300.

8. The total Receipts for Common School purposes in Upper Canada for the year 1861, were \$1,381,279; being an increase on the receipts for the preceding year of \$57,006.

9. The amount paid for the Salaries of Teachers was \$918,112; being an increase of \$22,522.

10. The amount expended in the purchase of Maps, Apparatus, Prize Books, and Libraries, was \$20,084; being a decrease of \$4,585. In the preceding year there was an increase of \$7,933.