

7th. The supervision requisite to ensure their efficiency?—*Ans.* The Board of Education acting under instructions from the council of King's College.

Add any remarks or information which you think may be useful to the commissioners employed in framing a scheme of Education.

In order to afford funds to aid Common Schools I recommend the passing of an act appropriating half a million of acres of land for the support of Common Schools, as proposed in the last session of the Legislature by a joint committee of both Houses. I think the bill passed last session, authorizing the application of part of the funds of King's College, may be made available to aid the District Schools, and place them upon an efficient footing; but I also think an assessment on the inhabitants of the several districts for the same object would be very desirable.

(Signed) G. S. BOULTON.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
10th December, 1839.

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Toronto, 11th December, 1839:

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, and in reply to the queries prefixed to it I may remark that I do not consider the present provision for Education in this Province, adequate to its wants, and the observation applies to Common as well as to District Schools.

As to the heads of enquiry contained in the letter, which by desire of the Commissioners you have addressed to me, I have to observe that any improvements which may be necessary in the District or Common Schools regarding their number—position—the selection of the masters—their recommendation—the charges to the pupils—the course of study and books used—the supervision ready to ensure efficiency; I consider as matters which would immediately undergo investigation and severally become the subject of change and improvement, if means could be procured for the further endowment of both classes of schools. Without this I greatly fear an endeavour to raise the character of the schools will prove unavailing, any attempt to reorganize the schools, to improve their government and discipline, to employ more efficient masters, I am fully persuaded will end in disappointment, unless, at the same time; pecuniary inducements are offered to teachers of ability and experience.

The provision which was made in the year 1798 for the establishment and support of a respectable Grammar School in each district of the Province would, had no interference taken place with that munificent endowment; conferred blessings upon the people of Upper Canada beyond conception.

The hundreds of the youth of the country who have, for want of such convenient institutions, been sent to and educated in the neighbouring republic, where, if they have not imbibed a predilection for that form of government, have been greatly exposed to the danger of losing that attachment to monarchical government, and the principles of the British Constitution, which is the essential duty of those who administer the affairs of this colony to cherish in the minds of the rising generation.

My opinion, therefore is, that until the intention of His Most Gracious