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COUNTY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS IN ONTARIO.

Circular from the Chief Superintendent of Education to Municipal Councillors, Local Superintendents, Visitors, Trustees, Teachers, and other supporters of Public Schools in Ontario.

GENTLEMEN,—

I propose, in the course of the next two months, Providence permitting, to make my fifth and last visit to each County or Union of Counties in Upper Canada, in order to hold a County School Convention of all school officers and other friends of education who may think proper to attend, in order to confer on the subjects of the Common and Grammar School Amendment Bills which have been recommended by a large Committee of the Legislative Assembly, but the further consideration of which has been deferred until the next session of Parliament. I cannot hope to be able to address any County Convention further than may be necessary to explain the objects and provisions of the School Bills referred to.

2. In order to afford the best opportunity possible for attendance by persons at a distance, each Convention will be held in the day-time, with two or three necessary exceptions. The meeting of each Convention will take place (unless otherwise stated) at one in the afternoon; and the proceedings will commence precisely at half-past one, whether few or many be present. In two or three instances, the meetings of Conventions will take place at other hours of the day, arising from the

impossibility (on account of distances or railroad arrangements) of holding them at the usual hour, without giving more time to a county than is practicable, in connection with the accomplishment of the tour during the period of winter roads convenient for travelling by inhabitants of counties.

3. The time and place of each of the proposed County School Conventions are as follows:—

COUNTY.	TOWN.	Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Hour of the Day
Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	Monday.....	Feb. 1.....	1 p.m.
Brant.....	Brantford.....	Tuesday.....	Feb. 2.....	1 p.m.
Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	Wednesday.....	Feb. 3.....	1 p.m.
Haldimand.....	Cayuga.....	Thursday.....	Feb. 4.....	1 p.m.
Welland.....	Welland.....	Friday.....	Feb. 5.....	1 p.m.
Lincoln.....	St. Catharines.....	Saturday.....	Feb. 6.....	1 p.m.
York.....	Newmarket.....	Monday.....	Feb. 8.....	1 p.m.
Simcoe.....	Barrie.....	Tuesday.....	Feb. 9.....	1 p.m.
Grey.....	Owen Sound.....	Wednesday.....	Feb. 10.....	7 p.m.
Bruce.....	Walkerton.....	Thursday.....	Feb. 11.....	1 p.m.
Huron.....	Goderich.....	Friday.....	Feb. 12.....	1 p.m.
Perth.....	Stratford.....	Saturday.....	Feb. 13.....	1 p.m.
Lambton.....	Sarnia.....	Monday.....	Feb. 15.....	1 p.m.
Essex.....	Sandwich.....	Tuesday.....	Feb. 16.....	1 p.m.
Kent.....	Chatham.....	Wednesday.....	Feb. 17.....	1 p.m.
Middlesex.....	London.....	Thursday.....	Feb. 18.....	1 p.m.
Elgin.....	St. Thomas.....	Friday.....	Feb. 19.....	1 p.m.
Wentworth.....	Hamilton.....	Saturday.....	Feb. 20.....	1 p.m.
Peel.....	Brampton.....	Monday.....	Feb. 22.....	1 p.m.
Halton.....	Milton.....	Tuesday.....	Feb. 23.....	1 p.m.
Wellington.....	Guelph.....	Wednesday.....	Feb. 24.....	1 p.m.
Waterloo.....	Berlin.....	Thursday.....	Feb. 25.....	1 p.m.
Ontario.....	Whitby.....	Monday.....	Mar. 1.....	1 p.m.
Durham.....	Port Hope.....	Tuesday.....	Mar. 2.....	10 a.m.
Victoria.....	Lindsay.....	Tuesday.....	Mar. 2.....	7 p.m.
Peterborough.....	Peterborough.....	Wednesday.....	Mar. 3.....	1 p.m.
Northumberland.....	Cobourg.....	Thursday.....	Mar. 4.....	1 p.m.
Hastings.....	Belleville.....	Friday.....	Mar. 5.....	1 p.m.
Prince Edward.....	Picton.....	Saturday.....	Mar. 6.....	1 p.m.
Lennox and Addington.....	Napanee.....	Monday.....	Mar. 8.....	1 p.m.
Frontenac.....	Kingston.....	Tuesday.....	Mar. 9.....	1 p.m.
Leeds and Grenville.....	Brockville.....	Wednesday.....	Mar. 10.....	10 a.m.
Lanark.....	Perth.....	Thursday.....	Mar. 11.....	10 a.m.
Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	Friday.....	Mar. 12.....	1 p.m.
Stormont and Dundas.....	Cornwall.....	Monday.....	Mar. 15.....	1 p.m.
Glengarry.....	Alexandria.....	Tuesday.....	Mar. 16.....	1 p.m.
Prescott and Russell.....	L'Orignal.....	Wednesday.....	Mar. 17.....	1 p.m.
Carleton.....	Ottawa.....	Thursday.....	Mar. 18.....	1 p.m.

4. I take it for granted that, as on former occasions, in each of the places above-mentioned, the Court House or Town Hall, or some other convenient building, can be procured for holding the County School Convention; and I must rely on the kind co-operation of the Local Superintendent, aided by the Trustees in each county town, to provide the needful accommodation for holding the County School Convention, and for giving due notice of the same.