

will, upon the ground of equity between one rate-payer and another, as well as upon public grounds, liberally provide for the accommodations and support of your Grammar School, as you have done for Common School accommodations and support; and especially as it is the object of the new Act, and of recent Regulations, to make the Grammar Schools what they ought to be, and what the progress and institutions of the country demand, viz.: intermediate schools between the Colleges and the Common Schools, doing work of the greatest importance, which cannot be done by either the Colleges or Common Schools; imparting to the youth the higher branches of an English education; preparing students for the University; and giving the necessary preliminary education to those who wish to become surveyors and to matriculate in the department of civil engineering in the University. The Programme of studies has been revised and adapted to promote these objects, as well as to provide a thorough commercial education. Thus your Grammar School may be made truly and practically the High School of your municipality; and I earnestly hope that nothing will be wanting on the part of your Council to render it so, as, I can assure you, I will heartily co-operate with you in every way in my power for that purpose.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

E. RYERSON.

EDUCATION OFFICE, Toronto, 10th Nov., 1865.

PART VI.

PROGRESS OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL EDUCATION IN UPPER CANADA.

With a view to furnish the reader with a brief view of the history and progress of Grammar School Education in Upper Canada, the following summary sketch on the subject is inserted:

In 1789, in compliance with a memorial presented to Governor General Lord Dorchester, praying for the establishment of a public school near Cataraqui (Kingston)—the most central part of Upper Canada—he directed the setting apart of land for the endowment of schools in the new townships in that part of the Province; but no school was actually established at that time.

In 1792, a private Classical School was established at Newark (Niagara), and in 1796, one was established at York (Toronto).

In 1797, the subject having been brought before the Upper