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I. Papers on the Canadian Schools.

1. REPORT OF THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FOR UPPER CANADA FOR 1865.

(From the Hamilton Spectator.)

The report shows a most gratifying increase in the prosperity of our educational system, a large advance in this respect upon any preceding year since the system was inaugurated. The entire amount appropriated during the year for school purposes was \$1,545,000, an increase of \$60,813—the increase being made up from local sources only, as the legislative school grant showed a slight decrease on the preceding year. The receipts were made up as follows:

Legislative Grant	\$165,972..decrease....	\$ 2,253
do for Maps, &c.....	10,041..increase....	1,214
Municipal Assessment	308,092..increase....	3,710
Trustees rate.....	711,197..increase....	51,816
Rate Bills	60,696..increase....	1,059
Clergy Reserves.....	90,131..decrease....	15,165
Balance from 1864.....	193,869..increase....	20,430

The entire expenditure for the year for school purposes was \$1,355,879, an increase of \$70,561, and leaving a balance of school moneys not expended at the end of the year of \$189,121. The expenditures were as follows:

Salaries Teachers	\$1,041,052..increase....	\$44,095
Maps, &c.....	22,571..decrease....	578
Building, &c.....	127,672..increase....	11,615
Rents, &c.....	41,534..increase....	4,531
School Books, &c.....	123,018..increase....	10,896

The entire number of children attending school was 383,652, an increase of 11,957; and as compared with the school population a still larger increase over the previous year. The number

of children of school age who attended no school was 42,141, an increase of 1658. The report urges the importance of some steps being taken to remedy this serious state of affairs. "The safety and best interests of our country, and christian duty demand, that the dark record of 42,141 children not attending any school should disappear from our annual school reports, and that the attendance of pupils at school should equal our school population."

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

There were, during the year, 4303 schools reported as open, and in them, there were employed 4721 teachers, an increase of 96, the male teachers numbering 2930 a decrease of 81, the female teachers 1791, an increase of 177. In connection with this apparently growing tendency to employ female teachers in schools Dr. Ryerson points out that in the schools of Massachusetts and New York, the preponderance of female teachers is very great, in the former State there being 1210 male teachers to 6142 female, and in the latter 5,707 males to 21,181 females. There is no doubt that "to teach and train the young seems to be one of the chief missions of woman," and that the tendency everywhere is to employ female teachers for the instruction of our children. The religious persuasions of the teachers are reported as follows:

Church of England.....	828..decrease....	26
Church of Rome	534..decrease....	10
Presbyterians	1416..increase....	19
Methodists	1208..increase....	22
Baptists	271..increase....	44
Congregationalists	77..decrease....	3
Lutherans	19..increase....	2
Quakers	25..increase....	9
Disciples	44..increase....	12
Reported as "Protestants".....	90..increase....	14
Unitarians	4..increase....	2
Others	40..increase....	23
Not reported	65..decrease....	12

The following further particulars in reference to teachers are interesting: The number of Normal School Teachers holding Provincial certificates employed, was 564, of whom 213 were first class, and 351 second class—decrease, 10. The number of teachers employed under certificates by County Boards was, first class, 1,483—increase, 87; second class, 2,040—decrease, 14; third class, 488—increase, 13; not classified, 145—increase, 21; whole number of teachers holding legal certificates, 4,575—increase, 76. The number of schools in which the teachers were changed during the year, was 786—increase, 97,