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THE

EDUCATIONAL MUSEUM

AND

School of Art and Design,

FOR UPPER CANADA.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, FOR
1856.

The School Act (13 & 14 Vic., cap. 48, sec. 41) authorized the expenditure of "a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds in any one year, to procure plans and publications for the improvement of school architecture and practical science, in connection with common schools," and the act, 16 Vic. cap. 185, sec. 23, authorized the expenditure of "a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds per annum, in the purchase of books, publications, specimens, models and objects, suitable for a Canadian Library and Museum, to be kept at the Normal School buildings." In the Act, 12 Vic. cap. 83, five hundred pounds was granted for the establishment and support of a School of Art and Design for Upper Canada, to be in connection with the Normal School, and under the control of the Council of Public Instruction. Two rooms were provided for this purpose in the Normal School building, but on the proposal to establish a chair of civil engineering in the Provincial University, I suggested the establishment of the school of Art and Design as an appendage or branch of the chair of civil engineering, and the discontinuation of the provision for its establishment in connection with the Normal School. But the idea of establishing the chair of civil engineering by the Provincial University having been abandoned, and the statute providing for it repealed, it became a matter of consideration and importance to give effect to the original purpose of establishing the school of Art and Design in connection with the Normal School, and more especially as drawing forms one branch of the course of instruction in both the Normal and Model schools, and will be taught to a greater extent in the model grammar school, and there are here the greatest facilities for the economical establishment and support, as well as usefulness of such a school. Accordingly the requisite steps have been taken to accomplish that important object, although the section of the School Act for this purpose has not yet been re-enacted.