

nearly sixty-six years, and my voluntary retirement from my position, I believe the Government and Legislature of the country will do what is just and honorable, and I ask no more. I am still willing to do what I can to advance the chief work of my life, and if it is thought I may be useful in connection with the Council of Public Instruction, I will be happy to do what I can in that capacity, as also (released from the cares and duties of office) to contribute to the school and other literature of the country, and to aid, if desired, the proposed minister of public instruction, with any counsel my experience may enable me to give.

“As to the time and manner of giving effect to the foregoing suggestions in regard to the department or my own resignation, I defer entirely to the convenience of the Government and the judgment of the Governor in Council.

“I have the honour to be, &c.,

(Signed,)

“E. RYERSON.

“The Hon. M. C. Cameron, M.P.P.,
Secretary of the Province, Toronto.”
