

" EDUCATION OFFICE,

" Dublin, 1st May, 1847.

" SIR,—Having laid before the Commissioners of National Education, your letter of the 22nd March last, we are now to inform you that the Commissioners, appreciating your earnest and sincere desire to promote liberal Education in Upper Canada, and also, to facilitate the dissemination of the Irish National School Books in that Colony, have great pleasure in presenting you with twenty-five sets of the publications of this Board, for the important purpose stated in your gratifying communication, free of any charge, except for freight, &c.

" In addition, the Commissioners send for your acceptance, twenty-five sets of School Books, not published but sanctioned by them, in the Irish National Schools; and also, a complete Series of the Annual Reports of the Commissioners, with School Registers, Daily Report Books, Class Rolls, &c., in sets of twenty-five each.

" We enclose a list of the Books, &c., contained in the several parcels. The various packages have been made up in five chests, addressed to you, Education Office, Toronto, and consigned to the Messrs. Elliott, Liverpool, to be shipped for Montreal; the freight and shipping charges will be paid by the Messrs. Elliott, and when we receive their account of the same, it shall be forwarded to you."

VI. *Means employed to bring the present Common School Act into general operation.*

Having stated the measures which have been adopted in order to establish a Provincial Normal School, and to introduce an uniform Series of suitable School Books into the Common Schools, I will now briefly state the steps which have been taken to bring the general provisions of the Act into operation.

1. Believing that one of the most serious obstacles to the progress of Common School Instruction in the Country was the ignorance, and consequently indifference, which existed as to its real state, I prepared and got printed a Table of the Statistics of Common Schools in Upper Canada, since the commencement of the present system, bringing together on one sheet, and into one view, all the Statistical Information which the Education Office