

city—so honourable to the citizens and so hopeful for their offspring.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

E. RYERSON.

EDUCATION OFFICE, Toronto, 12th Nov., 1865.

4. TO MAYORS OF TOWNS, AND REEVES OF INCORPORATED VILLAGES IN UPPER CANADA,

ON THE NEW GRAMMAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ACT.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit you herewith—for the information of the Council over which you preside—a copy of the new Grammar School Improvement Act of 1865; by the second section of which your Council will, hereafter, have the appointment of one-half the members of the Board of Trustees for the Grammar School situated within your municipality. Your County Council still retains the appointment of the other half of the members. I enclose you herewith a copy of the Circular which I have addressed to your County Council on this subject; and I beg to call the attention of your Council to the remarks contained in that Circular on the objects of the new Act, the relations and character of Grammar Schools, and the importance and obligations of providing for their support.

2. The sixth section of the Act provides, that “No Grammar School shall be entitled to share in the Grammar School Fund, unless a sum shall be provided, from local sources, exclusive of fees, equal at least to half the sum apportioned to such school, and expended for the same purpose of said fund”—namely, for the salaries of teachers. The Act does not prescribe any particular mode of providing this proportionate sum “from local sources;” but I have suggested that the County Council provide one half of it, as that Council appoints one half of the members of the Board of Trustees; and I now take the liberty of suggesting that your Council, as it appoints the remaining half of the members of the Board, should provide the other half of the sum required from local sources—that is, one quarter of the sum which I shall apportion and pay to your Grammar School out of the fund provided by the Legislature for that purpose. Indeed, as the Grammar School is situated in your municipality, the expenditure for its support takes place there, and the greater part of its advantages are there enjoyed; and, moreover, as the property of many of your ratepayers, who send their children to the Grammar School, has long been taxed for your Common School purposes, I hope your Council