

the approbation of His Excellency, and that the several subjects discussed will be deemed worthy of the consideration of the public.

Example
of Educa-
tionists in
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countries.

In availing myself as far as possible of the experience of other countries, and the testimony of their most enlightened Educationists, I have not lost sight of the peculiarities of our own country, and have only imitated distinguished examples of other nations.

Europe.

Prussia herself, before adopting any important measure or change in her system of Public Instruction, has been wont to send School Commissioners into other countries, to collect all possible information on the subjects of deliberation. France, England, and other European Governments, have done the same. Three enlightened Educationists from the United States

America,

have lately made similar tours in Europe, with a view of improving their own systems of Public Instruction. One of them spent upwards of two years in Europe, in making educational inquiries,—aided by a Foreign Secretary. I have employed scarcely half that time in the prosecution of my inquiries; and without having imposed one farthing's expense upon the public. Though the spirit of censure has been in some instances indulged on account of my absence from Canada, and my investigating, with practical views, the Educational Institutions of Governments differently constituted from our own, I may appeal to the accompanying Report as to the use which I have made of my observations; and I doubt not but that His Excellency, and the people of Upper Canada