

CHAPTER VII.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON FINANCIAL MATTERS.

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1. REQUEST FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY GRANT OF £200 FOR SCHOOL ARCHITECTURE AND PRACTICAL SCIENCE.

By the Forty-first Section of the School Act of 1850,—Thirteenth and Fourteenth Victoria, Chapter Forty-eight, the appropriation of Two hundred pounds, (£200.) per annum of the Legislative School Grant for Upper Canada is authorized "to purchase plans and publications for the improvement of School Architecture and Practical Science, in connection with the Common Schools."^{*}

2. In my Letter of November 28th, last, prepared in answer to an Address from the Legislative Assembly I give a detailed Statement of all that had been received and expended under this provision of the Act.[†] By that Statement it will be seen that I procured and presented, in the Autumn of 1851, to the various Municipalities of Upper Canada specimens of Maps, Charts, Plans, etcetera, of the kind contemplated by law, to the amount of Five hundred and thirty pounds, ten shillings, and seven pence, (£530. 10. 7.)[‡] Thus absorbing not only the appropriation in question up to the end of 1852, but also Sixty-eight pounds, four shillings and one pence, (£68. 4. 1) of the appropriation for the current year. The happy effect of these presentations may be inferred from the replies of Municipal Councils given [on pages 262, 263 of the Tenth Volume of this Documentary History], although the amount expended for the publications referred to, I advanced, I did not draw the sum of Two hundred pounds, (£200,) apportioned and reserved out of the General School Apportionment of Upper Canada for last year.

3. I beg that His Excellency the Governor General will be pleased to cause two Warrants to issue in my favour,—one for the Two hundred pounds, (£200,) due on last years appropriation, and another also for Two hundred pounds, (£200,) being the appropriation under the Section of the Act alluded to for the current year, and which will be deducted in the Apportionment of this year's Legislative School Grant to Upper Canada, and the unexpended balance of which will be applied and accounted for, as authorized by law.

EGERTON RYERSON.

TORONTO, January 15th, 1853.

2. REQUEST FOR THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUILDING GRANT OF £10,000; WITH MEMORANDUM OF PRECEDING EXPENDITURE.

In the Supply Bill passed near the close of the late Session of the Legislature, the sum of Ten thousand pounds, (£10,000,) was granted to complete the Normal School Buildings for Upper Canada. On the credit of a note, written last Autumn, from the Inspector General to the Cashier of the Bank of Upper Canada, that Bank has already advanced, from time to time, on my cheques, pursuant to the orders of the Council of Public Instruction, the sum of Eight thousand and thirty-eight pounds, (£8,038); and the balance of the said grant of £10,000 will be required to pay for contracts to complete the filling up of the Grounds and the furnishing of the Buildings and Premises.

^{*} As early as in 1849 the Chief Superintendent procured and published plans of School Houses in the *Journal of Education*. See page 270 of the Eighth Volume of this History.

[†] Printed on pages 190-194 of the Tenth Volume of this Documentary History.

[‡] See pages 49-51 of the same Tenth Volume.