

in our City. The number of books drawn weekly from the Library has steadily increased, and that they are read with profit and advantage, at least by the Pupils, is evidenced by their increasing intelligence and avidity to read. Nor are the beneficial effects of the Library confined to the Scholars alone,—the Volumes taken from it being the magnets that hold many entire families grouped around the social fireside during the long evenings of Winter. Frequently an hour is thus rationally spent which would otherwise have been devoted to more objectionable pursuits.

CIRCULARS FROM THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, 1856.

CIRCULAR TO THE CLERK OF EACH COUNTY, CITY, TOWN AND VILLAGE MUNICIPALITY IN UPPER CANADA ON THE SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT FOR 1856.

1. I have the honour to transmit herewith a certified copy of the Apportionment for the current year of the Legislative School Grant to each City, Town, Village and Township in Upper Canada. This apportionment will be payable at this Office to the Agent of the Treasurer of your Municipality, on the First day of July, provided that the School Accounts have been duly audited, and, together with the Auditors' and School Reports, have been transmitted to the Department.

2. I am happy to inform the Council of your Municipality, that I have been enabled this year, through the liberality of the Legislature, to add several thousand pounds to the School Apportionment over that of last year; I have, moreover, appropriated a few hundred pounds from the Poor School Fund, and divided it among those new and thinly settled Counties where the ordinary Legislative and Municipal grants have not been sufficient to enable Trustees to sustain the Schools during the school year.

3. The statistics of school population, upon which the present year's apportionment is based, have been carefully corrected and revised in this Department. Many inequalities in the Apportionment have thus been removed, and all parts of the Province share in the Legislative Grant upon equal terms, and in accordance with the demands made upon each locality for school accommodation and construction.

4. I have not deducted the Apportionment to the Roman Catholic Separate Schools from each individual City, Town and Township, as was done last year, but I have reserved a special sum from which to make an apportionment direct to each School having a claim upon the Fund. This is a more equitable and satisfactory mode of apportioning the Grant, and it is one which, while it provides the legal apportionments to Separate Schools, does not so directly and materially lessen the resources of those Municipalities in which these Separate Schools happen to exist, as has been done in past years.

5. I trust that the exertions and liberality of your Council will be increased in proportion to the augmentation of the School Grant apportionment to your Municipality, and the growing necessity and importance of providing for the sound and thorough education of all the youth of the land.

TORONTO, 18th June, 1856.

EGERTON RYERSON.

TO THE LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS IN THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES OF
UPPER CANADA ON THEIR SCHOOL RETURNS AND STATISTICS.

Parliament having called for certain Financial Returns relating to the Common Schools for Upper Canada, I will thank you to transmit, as quickly as possible, (unless you have already done so), your Annual Report of last year.

The Department will be happy to receive and consider any remarks which you may think proper to make on the past and present state of Education in your Township; or any suggestions which you may have to offer for the improvement of the General System and Superintendence of Schools, or in regard to Public School Libraries.

TORONTO, March 6th, 1856.

EGERTON RYERSON.