

FIFTH SOURCE OF INCOME: APPROPRIATION OF COMMON SCHOOL MONIES.

At the very time that the Common School Teachers throughout the Province were, on the testimony of the President of the General Board of Education, receiving only £5 per annum, and at the time, when, through the alleged lack of funds, there was danger that the allowance would be reduced to £2 per annum, [64] the Board, on the order of Sir John Colborne, advanced to U. C. College no less a sum than £6,392 18s 2d. [65]

SIXTH SOURCE OF INCOME: INROADS ON THE UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT.

Advances from this source have been so many in number, and so important in their effects as to require a more detailed notice at a subsequent stage of this statement.

U. C. College was thus provided for by the ruthless plunder of every class of our educational institutions; and, as it began, so it has continued, —ever singularly true to its mission!

III. U. C. COLLEGE DOWN TO 1850.

U. C. College had given, even during the first year of its existence, extremely unfavourable impressions regarding itself. During 1831 the popular discontent was constantly on the increase. [66] William Lyon Mackenzie was but the mouth-piece of the country when, about this period, he described the new foundation as "a place of learning for the children of persons holding situations under the Local Government, and a few other wealthy and influential individuals, at great public cost, but placed beyond the control of public opinion, and from which the sons of the yeomanry derive no benefit or advantage." [67] We have here an instance of the late Mr. Mackenzie's happy power of characterization. *How many words in the above description require to be changed, to correctly characterize U. C. College as it continues to exist at this hour?*

64 Journal Assembly, 1829, Appendix—"Report from the President of the General Board of Education." Also, Journal Assembly, 1832-3, Appendix—3rd Report of Select Committee on Education.

65 Journal Assembly, 1836, Appendix Vol. I—Board of Education Accounts.

66 Evidence of Dr. Harris before Select Committee—Journal Assembly, 1832-3, App.

67 Quoted in Journal Assembly, 1836, App. Vol. I—Document No. 62.