

THIS STATUE  
IS  
ERECTED  
AS A MEMORIAL  
OF THE GREAT PUBLIC SERVICES OF THE  
**REV. EGERTON RYERSON, D.D., LL.D.,**

SON OF COLONEL JOSEPH RYERSON,  
A BRITISH OFFICER WHO SERVED DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION,  
AND WHO WAS ONE OF  
THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS  
WHO SETTLED IN THIS PROVINCE

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A DISTINGUISHED MINISTER OF THE METHODIST CHURCH,  
1825—1882.

HE OBTAINED FOR THAT CHURCH A ROYAL CHARTER IN ENGLAND  
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF

UPPER CANADA ACADEMY AT COBOURG.  
1828—1841.

AFTERWARDS

*The University of Victoria College.*

OF WHICH HE WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT.

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IN FOUNDING  
THE SCHOOL SYSTEM OF HIS NATIVE PROVINCE,  
AND IN PROMOTING THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE SCHOOLS,

HE DISPLAYED THE RARE GIFTS OF A  
FAR-SEEING AND ENLIGHTENED STATESMAN,

AND FOR THIRTY-TWO YEARS WAS  
THE ABLE ADMINISTRATOR OF THAT SYSTEM,  
1844—1876.

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