

of the Normal and Model School buildings and premises, should it be convenient for you to visit them at any time during your present session.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed,)

E. RYERSON.

Joseph Hartman, Esq., M. P. P.,

Warden of the United Counties of York, Ontario and Peel.

In compliance with this invitation, the members and officers of the Council, to the number of between forty and fifty, visited and examined the institution and premises—including the grounds devoted to botanical, horticultural, and agricultural experiments. A few days afterwards the Clerk of the Council made the following communication:—

COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICE, July 4th, 1853.

To the Chief Superintendent of Education, &c. &c. &c.

SIR,—By the desire of the Warden, I send you a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario and Peel, at its sittings, on Tuesday last, in reference to the visit paid by that body to the Normal and Model Schools.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN ELLIOT, County Clerk.

"Resolved,—That this Council, on invitation from the Chief Superintendent of Education, having visited the Normal and Model Schools on Tuesday last, as one of the days set apart for the admission of visitors, desire to accord their approbation of the management and the system of education carried on in those schools, which is satisfactory to this Council, and creditable to the Superintendent of those institutions."

#### A GOOD METHOD OF PROVIDING MAPS FOR SCHOOLS.

During its late session in the city of Toronto, the Municipal Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved—"That the sum of one hundred pounds be placed at the disposal of the Warden, in connection with the Chief Superintendent of Education, for the purpose of procuring a sufficient number of the copies of the Map of Canada, with the late alterations in county divisions in Canada East and West, to supply each of the Common Schools within the bounds of the United Counties, and that the finance committee be instructed to prepare a by-law in accordance with this resolution, assessing the United Counties with the amount."—Carried.

1st July, 1853.

J. ELLIOT, County Clerk.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SCHOOL FUND ACCORDING TO AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.

Questions have been proposed by some Local Superintendents whether, in Townships where the basis of *average attendance* in distributing the school fund to school sections is adopted, they should take into account the *length of time* the schools have been kept open. We answer, yes; the principle of the law being to give the most help to those that help themselves most, and to encourage the keeping open of schools the full year. This principle of the law was fully explained and illustrated in the Circulars issued in this *Journal* last year, and in the Chief Superintendent's Annual Report for 1851, pages 170-174, as well as in the note to the circular accompanying the apportionment of the current year, and the instruction to Local Superintendents at the foot of the Trustees' semi-annual return. The law directs that (where average attendance is adopted) the *mean average* of the several schools shall determine the amount to be apportioned to each school, and this mean average can only be obtained by taking into account the comparative length

of time,—months and days,—such school has been kept open. Where *length of time alone* is adopted, the school open for the longest period will, of course, obtain the largest share.

#### ALLOWANCE FOR THE FUTURE TO TEACHERS IN TRAINING ATTENDING THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

*Extract from the Minutes of the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada.*

The subject of the best mode of promoting, to the greatest extent possible, the patriotic objects of the Legislature in granting £1000 per annum, to facilitate the attendance of Teachers at the Normal School for Upper Canada, having been carefully considered by the Council, it was ordered—

That, as the ordinary course of Lectures and Training of Student Teachers in the Normal School extends through two sessions of five months each; and as it is desirable and important that each teacher-in-training should attend the whole course; and as, from the very large number of teachers in attendance, it is not possible to make to them all a pecuniary grant of five shillings per week each during two sessions—it is intended hereafter (until modified by the Council) to give, during the first session of the attendance of each teacher-in-training, free instruction and provide the necessary books and stationary; and during the second session of his or her attendance, to grant, in addition, a sum at the rate of five shillings per week, or £5 10s. for the session, payable at the end of the session.

EDUCATION OFFICE,

Toronto, 2nd July, 1853.

#### PRIZE ESSAYS ON TEMPERANCE.

The Executive Committee of the CANADIAN PROHIBITORY LIQUOR LAW LEAGUE offer a Prize of £25 for the best Essay, and £12. 10s. for the second best Essay on "The Nature and Objects of the Canadian Prohibitory Liquor Law League: embracing, also, full and reliable Statistical Information upon the Extent, Expense, and Results of the Liquor Traffic in Canada." The Essays not to contain more than from 64 to 96 pages octavo, letter-press; to be written in a fair, legible hand, and sent in to the Secretary (post-paid) on or before the 15th day of October next.

Each Essay must have a motto, and be accompanied by a sealed letter containing the address of the writer, and also the motto by which the Essay is distinguished.

The Committee have much pleasure in stating that the Rev. Dr. RYERSON, Chief Superintendent of Schools for Upper Canada, the Rev. Professor LILLIE, and the Rev. Professor TAYLOR, have kindly consented to become adjudicators. The Committee feel assured that these names will be a sufficient guarantee to the public, of ability, probity, and discrimination; and they leave it with them to determine whether any of the Essays sent in are worth the Prizes offered.

G. P. URE, Secretary.

Toronto, 28th June, 1853.

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Gananoque, August 3rd, 1853.

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