

raise money for the support of schools, even where there might exist amongst the majority of the inhabitants a desire to subject themselves to assessments for the purpose. The Standing Committee, in their first Report for 1836, expressly state that the liberality of the Legislature in support of some societies, 'had paralyzed their efforts instead of stimulating them.'

"12. The failure of the Board of Education, which was instituted under the name of the Royal Institution, might at first be regarded as a fact tending to discourage any future plan for the creation of a central authority, to be entrusted with the control of all establishments for elementary Education in the Province; but we think that errors were committed in the formation of that Board, which would now be avoided: and if we are not deceived in the hope we entertain, that the laudable efforts, lately begun, to introduce a general system of Education in Ireland are proceeding successfully, we would recommend that the fullest information respecting the working of that system should be sent to Lower Canada; for where such abundant proof exists of a willingness to engage in the generous enterprize, we cannot doubt that any hints to be derived from successful practice in other countries would be well received. We are happy to be enabled here to add, that the Report of M. Cousin on the state of Education in Prussia, as well as several works on the subject of Education