

contain but little sugar, but will make good syrup or molasses. Pile each sort into separate bundles, to be hauled to the press as soon thereafter as convenient. If necessary to keep them for some time before crushing, do not divide the stalks. The leaves may be cured and preserved as fodder, of which I shall say more hereafter, and the seed-heads should be made up into bundles and stored for future use as seed, if the crop proves to be of good quality.

The process of crushing the canes and preparing the syrup, we will give in our next issue.—Ed.

EDUCATION IN UPPER CANADA IN 1857.

We learn from the report of the Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada that the total receipts of Common School moneys in 1857 amounted to £323,604 1s. 7d., being an increase of £34,681 19s. on the receipts of the year 1856.

The amount of Legislative School Grant apportioned to the Municipalities in aid of Common Schools in 1857, was £32,951 13s. 4d. The law required an equal sum to be raised by Municipal assessment to entitle the Municipalities to this aid. The sum actually provided by Municipal assessments was £61,954 1s.—£29,002 7s. 8d. more than the law required, and an increase of £7,427 5s. 3d. on the Municipal assessment of the year 1856. The Municipalities, therefore, voluntarily assessed themselves in 1857 nearly twice the amount required by law in order to entitle them to the Legislative Grant.

The school section *free school* rates in 1857 were £146,285 13s. 3d., being an increase on those of 1856 of £10,930 19s. 4d.

The rate-bills on children attending the schools in 1857 amounted to £37,624 13s., being an increase on those of 1856 of £2,658 8s. 11d. Even under the disadvantageous circumstances under which Free Schools are established and maintained—namely by an annual vote at each school section meeting—the public opinion of Upper Canada in 1857 in favor of free, over rate-bill Schools was in the proportion of £146,285 13s. 3d. to £37,624 12s. Were this small sum of £37,624 raised by a rate on property, instead of on children attending Schools, all the Common Schools of Upper Canada would be free. It is true that less than one-half of the Schools are actually free; but in a very large proportion of those in which a rate-bill on children is imposed, it is very small—almost nominal.

The amount paid to teachers in 1857 was £215,057 16s., being an increase of £20,136 19s. 3d. on that of the preceding year.

The amount paid for maps and other school apparatus in 1857 was £4,349, being an increase of £1,909 0s. 2d.

The amount raised and expended for school sites and in the building of school houses in 1857, was £51,972 6s. 5d., being an increase on that ex-