

assessments in aid of Grammar Schools, that it can do justice to those ratepayers who have sent or are sending their children to the Grammar and to other than Common Schools, yet have paid assessments in all past years for the support of Common Schools. Therefore, upon these personal grounds of equity between different classes of ratepayers, as well as upon these broad, public and national grounds, I trust your County Council will aid in doing for the few Grammar Schools what has been so long and liberally done by all classes for the Common Schools.

7. Relying upon your intelligent and liberal co-operation (which you have so nobly evinced in regard to the Common Schools), and anxious to the utmost of my power to facilitate the exertions of your Grammar School Trustees, I will make and pay the apportionment for 1866 in aid of each Grammar School conducted according to law, without waiting for the payment of the proportionate sum required by law to be provided from local sources. The vital principle of our Common School system, and the most potent element of its great success, is this co-operation between the Legislature and each municipality in its support. Many municipalities have far exceeded the required conditions of the law in making provision for Common Schools; I trust, by a similar intelligence and liberality in regard to the Grammar Schools, it will soon be your happiness to see them, equally with the Common Schools, fulfilling their appropriate mission, and conferring inestimable blessings upon the country.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

E. RYERSON.

EDUCATION OFFICE, TORONTO, 9th Nov., 1865.

3. CIRCULAR TO MAYORS OF CITIES IN UPPER CANADA,

ON THE NEW GRAMMAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ACT.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of the Council over which you preside, a copy of the new Grammar School Improvement Act, the first section of which provides, that "Each city shall, for all Grammar School purposes, be a County; and its Municipal Council shall be invested with all the Grammar School powers now possessed by County Councils; but when, and so long as, the only Grammar School in the County is situated within a City, the Council of such County shall appoint one half the Trustees of such Grammar School." The City of Kingston is the only city to