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PROGRESS OF EDUCATION IN UPPER CANADA.

Extracts from the Chief Superintendent's Annual Report for 1860.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

As required by law, I here present my Report on the condition of the Normal, Model, Grammar and Common Schools of Upper Canada, for the year 1860. The depression arising from two years' failures of the productions of husbandry, and commercial disasters, deeply affected this as well as the preceding year; yet the total amount of receipts for Common School purposes in Upper Canada was \$1,324,272, being an increase of \$14,452 over the aggregate receipts of the year 1859; and the aggregate receipts of that year were \$65,331 in advance of those of the preceding year. The whole number of pupils attending the Common Schools in 1860, was 315,812; being an increase of 14,229 over the aggregate attendance of the previous year.

2. *Teachers.*—The whole number of Teachers employed during the year, was 4,281; increase, 46. The number of *male* Teachers employed, was 3,100; decrease, 15. The number of *female* Teachers employed, was 1,181; increase, 61.

3. *Schools.*—The whole number of school sections is 4,134—*increase, 45.* The whole number of schools reported as open, is 3,969—*increase 51.* The number of school sections in which there are no schools open, or from which no reports are received, is 165—*decrease, 6.*

The number of *free* schools is 2,602—*increase 285.* The number of schools reported as *partly free*, 1,278—*decrease, 185.*

The number of schools in which a rate-bill of twenty-five cents or less per month is charged to each pupil, is 89—*decrease, 49.* As remarked last year, these returns show the gradual and rapid advance of *free* schools; the establishment of them being the annual voluntary act of the rate-payers in each school division.

4. *Visits.*—The whole number of official *school visits* reported, is 64,807—*increase, 1,624.* By Local Superintendents, 8,849—*increase, 110;* by Clergymen, 5,967—*increase, 341;* by Municipal Councillors, 1,944—*decrease, 51;* by Magistrates, 2,226—*increase, 35;* by Judges and Members of Parliament, 319—*decrease, 215;* by Trustees, 20,325—*decrease, 155;* by other persons, 25,177—*increase, 1,559.*

5. *Religious Exercises.*—It appears that out of 3,969 schools reported, the daily exercises of 2,226 are opened and closed with prayer—an increase of 167; and the Bible or New Testament is used in 2,758—being an increase of 71.

Roman Catholic Separate Schools.—The number of schools reported is 115; *increase, 10.* The amount of Legislative Grant apportioned is \$7,419. The amount of Trustees' local assessment or rate, is \$14,305; *increase, \$1,374.* The amount of local subscriptions and other sources, \$9,406; *decrease, \$458.* The total amount received, \$31,360, (including Legislative Grant for previous years, paid in 1860); *increase, \$796.* Amount paid to Teachers, \$23,205, *increase, \$202;* amount paid for maps, apparatus and prizes, \$222; *decrease, \$129;* amount paid for building and other purposes, \$7,931; *increase, \$724.* Number of pupils reported in the schools, 14,708; *increase, 1,714.*

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

1. *Moneys.*—Amount paid for masters' salaries, \$64,005—*increase, \$24.41.* Amount paid for apparatus, prizes and libraries, \$1,866—*increase, \$159.* Amount paid for building, rent and repairs, \$6,037—*decrease, \$1,893.* The amount paid for contingencies, books, &c., \$5647—*increase, \$1998.* The total expenditure for Grammar School purposes is \$75,566—*increase, \$2,705.* Balance over, \$2,723; *decrease—\$2,727.*

2. The total number of Grammar Schools is 88—*increase, 7.* The Bible or Testament is read in 60 schools—*increase, 5.*

3. *Pupils.*—The total number of pupils is 4,546—*increase, 165.* The number of pupils whose parents reside in the city, town or village of the Grammar School is 3,724—*increase, 125.* The number of pupils reported as in Grammar School subjects, 4,124—*increase, 17.* Number of new pupils admitted during 1860, 1,761—*increase, 192.* Of these, 1,547 had passed the