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# REPORT

ON

## INSTITUTIONS

FOR THE

### DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL STISED, C.B., LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

In the letter of the Secretary of the late Province of Canada, dated Ottawa, 19th October, 1866, which informed me that it was the pleasure of the Governor-General in Council that I should make an educational tour in foreign countries, the following instruction, among others, was given :

#### INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

“I have further to request that you will carry out, as far as practicable, the suggestions contained in the memorandum, as to collecting information, &c., during your tour, respecting schools for the Deaf and Dumb, and Blind.”

#### *Memorandum of Committee of the Executive Council, above referred to :*

“As it is contemplated to establish Government Schools for the Deaf and Dumb, and also for the Blind, in Upper and Lower Canada, it is respectfully recommended, that, in addition to the general and special educational objects referred to in Dr. Ryerson's letter, he be requested to visit the best institutions in Great Britain and on the Continent of Europe, for the education of these two classes ; with a view to collecting information as to the best mode of conducting such institutions and reporting on the subject to the Government on his return.

“Dr. Ryerson should also be requested to ascertain on what terms a competent person could be procured to take charge of an institution for either, or both, of the classes of persons already mentioned.”

#### HEADS OF REPORT RESPECTING THE DEAF AND DUMB.

I now proceed to report the result of my inquiries, and to offer some suggestions