

NOTE. Having completed this draft of Report, I wrote the following Letter to Doctor Ryerson, who was still at his Island Home.

I have now finished the Draft of your Annual Report. I have made it, as far as possible, both an "Exposition and a Defence" of our recent School Legislation.

If approved by you and reprinted, it would be well to give it, (if reprinted), this title:—"The new School Law of 1871 explained, [or illustrated]. Reprinted from the Report of the Chief Superintendent of Education for 1870."

I have sought to dovetail your own expositions and explanations with words of my own, and have largely illustrated them from outside sources. I trust that it will accomplish the object aimed at.

I have revised the half-yearly School Trustee Returns, so as to get in it the names of all of the children in the Section who are not attending School. I have stated in a note on the Return, that the Trustees can employ their own Collector, or some other person, to get the desired information. I have also re-modelled the Inspectors' Annual Report, but this can remain for your approval until your return.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop sent to-day for your Book on "Christian Morals," as, in the notice of the Meeting of the Council of Public Instruction, he saw that it was to be approved. I got Mr. Marling to say in a note to him, that the Book was only designed for Public Schools, and that it could not be used in a School if any Parent, or Guardian, were opposed to it. I do not think he can reasonably object to a single line in it.

I see "good times" ahead for this Province. The new School Law is most comprehensive and far reaching. It will silently effect a revolution in our Schools and system of Education.

TORONTO, November 4th, 1871.

J. GEORGE HODGINS.

TELEGRAM FROM DOCTOR RYERSON TO J. GEORGE HODGINS.

Education Report excellent; also blank forms of Reports for Inspectors. Words of Ten Commandments in Book on Christian Morals as objected to by Doctor Jennings, are conformed to those in the Authorized Version.

PORT ROWAN, November 6th, 1871.

EGERTON RYERSON.