

Common Schools.—The Masters to be appointed by the District Board after due examination into his qualifications. No alien to be admitted as a master. The system and Books to be determined by the general board.—Rules to be hung up in the school. Schools to be under the supervision of the District Board generally, but Trustees also necessarily living in the immediate neighbourhood of the school. Ex-officio all the members of the District Board and three others, to be chosen by the Inhabitants who send children to the school.

Reports from the trustees (or from three at least) drawn up by the Master to be sent quarterly to the district board, containing the number and names of scholars, the attendance at the public examination under the master before the trustees quarterly, the result of it to be stated in quarterly report. An exhibition, once in three years, to district schools of the value of £10 would be desirable. Moral conduct essential to the exhibitor, the examination (public) before the trustees, and a certificate countersigned by the master of the successful candidate. The parents and friends of the children should be invited to attend the public examinations. The salaries of the masters ought not to be less than £25 a year, which, with the two dollars a quarter they receive from each scholar, would ensure (eventually) tolerably qualified men. I think in each common school there should be admission for six children gratuitously or at the expense of the township, this admission, to be determined by the Trustees, should be confined to orphans, or the fatherless, or children of any indigent parents.

Books—District Schools.

Bible, Watt's Scripture History, Catechism of the Church of England, for her own members once a week, lesser Catechisms of the Assembly for those whose parents object to our catechism once a week. The English Speaker, English composition, Arithmetic, the four first Books of Euclid, Algebra, to the solution of quadratic equations at least; Latin and Greek Books to be determined by the general board, Geography, De Lolme on the Constitution of England.

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Bible, Watt's and Catechism as above, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Rudiments of Latin, if possible.

Form of prayer to be used morning and evening in every school by the master, this form fixed by the general board and to be the same in all schools, a printed copy to be hung up in each school, Certificates of its having been regularly used in the quarterly and half-yearly returns. In the prayer, mention to be made of the Sovereign, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Legislature, College and Schools a wise form in "*the spirit of the liturgy of the Church of England.*"

Immediately after the prayer a class of the whole school to read in the Bible a regular course for a quarter of an hour.

OAKVILLE, 23rd December, 1839.

SIR,

Your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing queries from the Committee on Education is before me, and to which I beg leave to return the following observations:—

Answer to 1st Query.—I do not consider the present provision for Education in this Province at all adequate to its wants.