

submitted to the Council an amendment to By-Law No. 25, inflicting as a penalty upon Collectors not making their returns by the third Tuesday of December, in each and every year, the loss of one-half of their commission, a measure which they trust will produce the desired effect.

"The inconvenience, embarrassment, and trouble arising from alterations in the boundaries of school sections taking effect at any other period than the commencement of a year is so manifest, that your Committee have felt it necessary to draft a bill for its prevention, which is now submitted for the approbation of the Council. Your Committee also recommend that for the future in ordering assessments for school-houses, the locality of the school-house proposed to be erected should be designated in the By-Law authorizing such assessment.

"The most important question, however, in the opinion of your Committee, is that which arises from the plan proposed in the circular above alluded to, of supporting common school education according to

property, by empowering the Trustees to levy rate-bills on the rateable property of all residents in their school sections, instead of confining the charge to the parents or guardians of the children in attendance at the schools. The amount of money raised by rate-bills in 1845 and 6 as appears by the common school report for that year was £5,366 2s. 6d. Your Committee are not prepared to recommend raising so large a sum by assessment, neither can the Council confer the power on Trustees to enable them to levy by rate-bill on all the property in a school section, but the course your Committee deem advisable to pursue is to declare the willingness of the Council to assess the resident inhabitants of any school section for the payment of the Teacher's salary, &c., whenever an application for that purpose shall be made by the Trustees stating such to be the desire of a majority of the inhabitants in the section.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) W. GAMBLE,
Chairman."

GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Honourable Proceeding.—We are glad to find the following recommendation, in the Auditor's Report presented on the 1st instant, to the Gore District Council:—"When arranging the assessment for school purposes, for the current year, we beg to suggest, that beyond the sum needed, with expenditures, a levy should be made for £311 6s. 2d., being the amount that the District School Fund is now in arrear, arising from the deficient levy of past years."

COLBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL—NATIONAL SCHOOL BOOKS.

Should all the District Councils in Upper Canada pursue the same course with the Council of the Colborne District, in respect to School Books, one of the most important improvements in Schools which any country has witnessed would soon take place in this Province. The following resolution was adopted at the recent session of this Council:—

"That the District Clerk be, and is hereby authorised to address a Circular to the Trustees of each School Section in the District, apprising them that the books of the 'National Board in Dublin,' are now procurable at several places in Peterbo-

rough and other parts of the District, and that the District Council have resolved to recommend, that, as the school books at present in use in the several schools, become worn out or lost, they be replaced by the National School books, and no others."