

2,886, the number of School Sections, gives £109,460 4s. 0d. to be supplied annually in Canada West, for which no provision is made in the present Statute. But the defects in the present School Bill have been operated powerfully to diminish the average attendance of children, and consequently to increase the deficiency in the salary of Teachers.

The subjoined Statistical Schedule will show the state of the School, in so far as information has been received, in a much more comprehensive manner than can be done in words.

The next duty required of the Superintendent in his annual Report, was to give plans for the improvement of Schools.

From the time the School Bill of 1841 came into force it was found utterly impracticable to carry out its provisions, and, therefore, the attention of the Executive Government was early directed to the best method of remedying the defects of that Statute, so as to advance the cause of Education. The Executive having now matured their views on the subject, and being prepared to submit to the Legislature a new Educational Bill, it is considered under these circumstances to be unnecessary to enter upon this part of the Report at present.

It is, however, most respectfully suggested that no legislative enactment on this subject, which does not provide for the better ascertaining the qualifications of Teachers, for securing them in a reasonable maintenance, and for protecting them against injustice, can ever materially advance the cause of Education in the Province.

ROBERT MURRAY,

KINGSTON, 20th October, 1843.

Assistant Superintendent, Canada West.

REPORT OF THE STATE OF COMMON SCHOOLS IN UPPER CANADA FOR THE YEAR 1844-45.

During the absence of the Reverend Doctor Ryerson in Europe, in 1844-45, the Reverend Doctor Alexander Macnab, Acting Assistant Superintendent of Education, submitted the following Annual Report of the Schools in Upper Canada to the Governor-General.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Charles Theophilus, Baron Metcalfe, Governor-General of British America.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

In accordance with the requirement of the Common School Section of the Act, of Upper Canada, it becomes my duty, on the first day of the present month, to furnish Your Excellency with a Report on the actual state and condition of the Normal, Model, and Common Schools in this Province, shewing the amount of money expended on such Schools, and from what sources it has been derived,—accompanied with such other statements and suggestions, in relation to Education generally, as I may deem necessary, in order that the same may be laid before the next Meeting of the Legislature of the Province.

GENERAL AND EXPLANATORY REMARKS.

The Report I have now the honour to submit will have reference to Common Schools, only, as no Normal or Model School has, as yet, been established in Canada West and is, I beg to apprise Your Excellency, the first Report which has been presented under the existing law,—that of 1843.

The School Act of 1841, having been repealed, the enactments of the present Statute of 1843 took effect and became the law of the land on the first day of January, 1844.