

to leave to the discretion and local knowledge of each municipality concerned.

If your Board of Trustees will aid in pressing upon the Government the necessity of, and induce the city representatives to support, some more effective legislation on this important subject, I have no doubt that great good will ensue, especially to very many children in the cities and towns.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. RYERSON.

Geo. A. Barber, Esq.,

Secy. B. S. Trustees, Toronto.

I desire to close this, my third Annual Report, by recording my deep conviction of the great value of our City Public Schools to the population among whom they have been for many years established. Though often, and indeed legally, entitled Common Schools, they are not common in the sense of vulgar or inferior, while they are not yet common as Schools in which the whole, or nearly the whole, of the population of the City who are of School age are educated in common at the common expense, though doubtless it was considered by their originators and early supporters that they would become, in this sense, Common Schools. Of course they do not educate that large proportion of our School population whose parents and guardians prefer to send them to