

of 1853, in regard to the prescribed functions of the University i self, and also its failure to allow any surplus from the Endowment Fund to accumulate, so as to enable the Legislature, (as provided in the Act,) to divide it among the other Collegiate Institutions in the Province, the Wesleyan Conference Memorialized the Legislature to inquire into the matter.

Chapter XVIII. contains an account of a number of Public Meetings, held in various parts of the Province to give emphasis to the statements in the of Toronto. These Proceedings were but a prelude to a protracted contest at Quebec in 1860, before a Special Committee of the House of Assembly, for a just and equitable administration by the Senate of the Toronto University, of the University Act of 1853. As the result of that contest, (as it will be seen,) nothing practically was accomplished, except furnishing the Committee and the public with a vast amount of information as to the practice of the English and American Universities, and especially as to that of the London University, after which, by the Provincial Act of 1853, the Toronto University was modelled.

Chapter XIX. is devoted to the Question of Religious Instruction in the Public Schools, the Revised Regulations on the subject having been brought by the Chief Superintendent before the notice of the various Religious Bodies. The response of the Churches in this matter is also given.

The alleged failure of the Free Schools in the City of Toronto, to induce the parties, for whose benefit they were, in 1854, chiefly established, to profit by them, caused both Mr. Justice Hagarty, and Chief Justice Draper, in 1858, to bring the matter formally before the Grand Juries of the Counties.

So persistent were the efforts of a prominent Member of the Legislature to affirm that the Education Department had not accounted for its expenditure, that I have devoted a more than ordinary space to Correspondence on Financial Matters. and have inserted detailed Statements of the Examination of the Accounts of the Department by the Provincial Auditor from the time of his appointment in 1855, and quarterly in each subsequent year.

Various other interesting Educational matters are referred to in this Volume, as will be seen on reference to the Chapters in the Contents.

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