

The report of Western District School for 1828, on which this report of the Committee of the House of Assembly is founded is as follows. It was signed by Messieurs Charles Eliot, W. Berczy, and James Gordon, Trustees :

The Trustees, in transmitting this Report, think it but justice to the Teacher to express their approbation of his conduct and capacity during the short time he has had the management of the school ; but they regret that his talents are, in a great measure, rendered unavailable from the unfortunate collocation of the school, which must ever, in their opinion, prevail against its usefulness as a classical seminary : First, because the people in its vicinity is principally composed of worthy but illiterate farmers who are unable to appreciate the advantages of a liberal education, and consequently unwilling to have their children taught anything more than the first elements of learning ; and secondly, the unhealthiness of the Town of Sandwich, where it is situated, which is now nearly depopulated from that cause, must ever prevent children being sent there from the more distant parts of the country. The present school is composed principally of very young children, learning the first rudiments of the English language, and among the five classical scholars there is but one at all advanced ; the rest have only commenced within six or eight months.

BILL, INTITULED: AN ACT TO ESTABLISH UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.*

The following is a copy of Bill which unanimously passed the House of Assembly of Upper Canada on the 2nd of March, 1830, but which the Legislative Council did not pass (see page 305) :

WHEREAS, His Excellency, Sir John Colborne, Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, has been pleased to reform the Royal Grammar School and to establish a College at York, called, "Upper Canada College," under the guidance of able Masters, and

WHEREAS it would conduce very much to the happiness of this Province, and to the extension of true learning and piety in the same, were the privileges and capacity of the said institution enlarged and secured by legislative authority, so as to suit the wants and wishes of His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects within this Province.

Be it therefore enacted, etc., That the Seminary lately opened at York, by His Excellency Sir John Colborne, be, and the same is hereby erected and made a College, with the style and privileges of a College, as hereinafter provided, for the education and instruction of youth and students in Arts and Faculties, to continue forever, to be called "Upper Canada College."

2. And be it enacted, etc., That the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person administering the Government, for the time being, shall be the Visitor of the said College.

3. And be it enacted, etc., That there be, at all times, one President of the said College, and as many Professors, Tutors and Lecturers in the different Arts and Faculties within the College, as from time to time shall be deemed necessary or expedient, and as shall be appointed in the manner hereinafter provided.

4. And be it enacted, etc., That there shall be within the said College a Council, to be called and known by the name of "The Council of Upper Canada College," which Council shall consist of twelve persons, one half of the number of which persons shall be nominated by the Legislative Council, and the other half by the House of Assembly ; which persons so nominated shall be certified by the respective Houses to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government for the time being, and shall hold their offices for four years from the day of such nomination, and thence until the next ensuing session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer.

5. And be it enacted, etc., That, if any incumbent of the said Council shall die or shall be suspended, or removed from his said office, or shall, by reason of any mental or bodily infirmity, or by reason of his absence from the said Province, become incapable, for six calendar months or upwards, of attending the meetings of said Council, then and in every such case, a fit and proper person shall be appointed by the rest of the Council, subject to the approbation of the

*In a pamphlet printed in London, England, in 1836, containing an account of the proceedings of a public meeting held at York, on the 10th of December, 1830, with copies of documents relating to a petition to the Imperial Parliament respecting the Clergy Reserves and the King's College in that Province, this Bill to establish Upper Canada College is reprinted with the following heading: "The following is the copy of a Bill which passed the House of Assembly in Upper Canada in 1830, *unanimously*, for the regulation of the Upper Canada College, which the Legislative Council did not pass—and sufficiently marks the opinion of that Assembly and of the people of that Province." (Pages 30—41.) The probable reason why it did not pass the Legislative Council is given on page 305.