

which may be in the hands of the District Superintendent. The amount of this latter balance will be shown by the District Council Auditors' Report, which should accompany the Annual Report of the District Superintendent. I may also add, that the items which are contained in the two or three columns of the Trustees' Reports, for which there are no corresponding columns in the blank reports for District Superintendents, can be inserted in the columns (by erasing the present and inserting the headings required) of the sheet devoted to District Model Schools—as there are but two such in Upper Canada.

6. Very little definite information was furnished by the local School Reports for last year, relative to the condition and character of *School-houses*. I observe from semi-annual reports which have been laid before the Brock and Bathurst District Councils, at their late Session, that this subject has engaged the special attention of the excellent School Superintendents of those Districts, and that their reports, faithfully pointing out the defects in this and other departments of their Common Schools, and containing many valuable suggestions for their improvement, are being printed and circulated under the auspices of the Councils. Should a similar course be adopted by the Superintendents and Councils of other Districts, immense benefit would result to our Common Schools generally. I hope you will furnish as definite and full information as you can in your next Annual Report on the condition of the School-houses in your District.

7. It is important to embody all the information you can obtain as to the number and character of private and Grammar Schools and other seminaries of learning, and public libraries of different kinds in your District; as also a view of the general state of the Common Schools, and the sentiments and feelings of the people on the subject of Education, as compared with preceding years. An intimate and thorough elucidation of the educational state of a country, together with the result of any means which may have been employed for its amelioration, is a most important step towards its further advancement.

8. I need scarcely observe how much perplexity and trouble are occasioned by any oversight or inaccuracy in local statistical reports; and while I have provided you with the necessary blanks, carefully prepared and arranged, I feel confident that no efforts will be wanting on your part to render your report as correct and complete as possible. I have only to add, that as I desire to prepare the Provincial Report of Common Schools for the current year before the close of the ensuing Session of the Legislature, I have to request that you will transmit your report by the first of next March at the latest, and as much earlier as possible. If all the School Assessments are not collected before that time, let them be reported so; but I hope you will not delay the transmission of your School report for the current year later than the first of March.

I have the honour to be,

Sir, your obedient Servant,

E. RYERSON.

*The Superintendent of  
Common Schools for the  
..... District.*