

School-houses had now to be well built and allow for plenty of fresh air and light. Desks and seats suitable for children appeared in the schoolrooms. Good books, at very low prices, were provided for the pupils.

Schools to enable teachers to fit themselves to direct the studies of the girls and boys were begun. The Normal School at Toronto was built in Dr. Ryerson's time.

The schools were made free, or public, that every child, no matter how poor, could attend and be taught to read and to write.

No less than four times did he cross the Atlantic to see the schools in the different countries of Europe, bringing back good ideas to be put into use in Ontario. The United States was also visited in search of the best methods of school work.

No name is more worthy of a place in our love and respect than that of Dr. Egerton Ryerson, who did so much for the children of his native land.