

2nd. To show how desirable it is to prompt the adoption of Legislative measures of a nature to remedy the evil, by at least removing the cause; that is, the deficiency of the School Act.

3rd. To induce your Excellency to be pleased to order the issue of money in behalf of the schools included in the following Table, which has been made up, nearly after the same principles and limitations which your Excellency was pleased to approve of in Council, as they were established in my Report of the Schools for 1842.

An exact conformity to the requirements of the Common School Act, passed in 1841, has been considered next to impossible on the part of the inhabitants of this section of the Province for 1842, for want of the co-operation of the Municipal Councils; still, desirous to give encouragement to the friends of education, your Excellency was pleased to grant a pecuniary aid to those who, listening to the advice of this Office, had confidence in the liberality of the Government, and in the usefulness of their own endeavours to promote its cause with success.

The Provincial Parliament has sanctioned all the proceedings relative to the Schools of 1842, by an Act passed in its last Session to that effect, and the same Act authorizes the same mode of action with regard to the Schools of 1843; indeed, placed in the same circumstances, and labouring under the same difficulties, the friends of education are in the same embarrassment, and therefore need the same indulgence and aid in behalf their Schools for 1843, which they did in favour of their Schools for the previous year. But in 1843, they have done much more to comply with the requirements of the Common School Law, passed in 1841, according to its true intents and purposes. They much more deserve, therefore, the Government allocation, which I humbly claim in behalf of the Schools mentioned in the following table, and I hope your Excellency will be pleased to grant it readily.

The whole is, however, humbly submitted.

(Signed,)

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