

"Although the above statement showed that in regard to attendance and expense, Belleville was in advance of any of the towns and cities mentioned, the idea was not intended to be conveyed that we were in advance of them in education,—far from it. The truth is, the length of time they have had the system in operation has created a desire for higher attainments than the common school offers. He said that although the average price paid for scholars taught in the public schools in the United States was very high, compared with that of Belleville, yet it was much lower than that charged at their private schools.

The average price paid per scholar in 27 private schools in the State of New York was..... \$15,20
And the average price paid per scholar at the public schools in 25 of the principal towns and cities in the Union was..... 9,04

Showing a difference in favour of public schools of..... \$6,16
These facts he considered would be highly gratifying to those who took an interest in the cause of education. He said that as the facts given in the above table might appear to conflict with a statement which he made at the last examination in regard to the cost of each pupil under the Free system,—that statement only gave the number of children attending our Free Schools, and the expense of their education for the Quarter, and did not include the Roman Catholic school. This statement includes all the children on the school registers for the year just ending; and if these facts were taken into consideration, the two statements would be found correct.

"At the conclusion of the Warden's remarks he announced that the parents and others, as a mark of respect to Mr. Newbery as a teacher, had authorised him to say that he would be presented with £25, as a supplement to his present salary; this announcement was received with cheers by the boys."

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS FOR 1852.

It is earnestly requested of Local Superintendents that they will transmit their School Reports for last year, to the Education Office, with as little delay as possible—before the 1st of March, if practicable,—in order that the Statistics of the Chief Superintendent's Annual Report may be completed, and the Report laid before Parliament, before the prorogation of the adjourned session, which may take place some time in April next. If the several Corporations of Trustees do not report at the date required by law, the 4th proviso in the 2nd section of the Supplementary School Act, 16 Victoria, chapter 23, authorizes the Local Superintendent to fine the individual members of that Corporation *one pound five shillings per week*, for such neglect,—so that the delays heretofore experienced by the Trustees neglecting to report, are effectually provided against. Such reports, however, are only to furnish data to the Local Superintendent to prepare his own, in accordance with the General Instructions,—he being, as a general rule, more competent to understand the object and manner of systematizing the reports, than the Trustees.

A Local Superintendent enquires:—"Whether does the 'Total amount paid Teacher for 1852,' mean the amount the Teacher earned during the year 1852, or the sum *actually paid* him by the Trustees, up to the end of that year?" We answer:—"The amount the Teacher earned, or the value of his services for the year,—so that the Financial Report may exhibit a statement of the actual amount of money which would complete the payment of Teachers' salaries, up to the 31st of December.

With reference to the columns for *Balances* in the Trustees' reports, we would state, that the *first* column was designed to show the *amount* of money, which, together with the sums *already paid* the Teacher, would make up his salary for services rendered during the year—whether such amount was levied or not; and the *second*

column to show the amount of balances which the Trustees might have in hand, or available, *after paying* the Teacher in full. In the Superintendent's Report, however, the latter—the "*Balance not required for Teacher's salary*"—only, should appear.

Local Superintendents will be particular to *fill and add up each column*, and make the averages of *Annual Salaries and Time Open*, otherwise it will be necessary to return the reports with a reference to the number of the Instruction on the blank report neglected to be observed.

Wherever any omissions or inaccuracies occur in the Trustees' reports, the local Superintendent will be able, from his own local knowledge and experience, and the notes taken during his visitations, to *correct* them, or *approximate* the truth—with a note to that effect,—so that the school statistics of the last year may be more full and complete than any heretofore collected.

The Boards of School Trustees in the several Municipalities below named, have not, at this date (10th February) transmitted their Annual Report for 1852, due at the Education Office on the 15th of January last:—

CITIES.	TOWNS.	VILLAGES.
Toronto.	Peterborough,	Chippewa,
Kingston.	Picton,	Richmond,
—	Prescott.	St. Thomas,
TOWNS.	—	Thorold.
Belleville.	TOWN MUNICIPALITIES.	
Bytown.	Amherstburgh,	
Cornwall,	Perth,	
Dundas,	Woodstock.	
Goderich,		

TO CERTAIN LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

No reply has yet been received at the Education Office from the local Superintendents of the following municipalities, to the Circular of the Chief Superintendent of Schools, published in the *Journal of Education* for November 1852—*three months since*. Such continued neglect on the part of these Superintendents, necessarily prevents Trustees from enjoying the advantages conferred upon them by the circulation of the *Journal*, free of charge, to the section. We regret to have a second time to publish the following list, viz:—

Finch.	Ernestown.	Nissouri, East.
Matilda.	Marmora.	Oxford, West.
Williamsburgh.	Rawdon.	Waterloo.
Lochiel.	Hallowell.	Wellesley (English)
Caledonia.	Hillier.	Adelaide.
Hawkesbury, East.	Alnwick.	Malahide.
Plantagenet, North.	South Monaghan.	Southwold.
Plantagenet South.	North Monaghan.	Westminster.
Torbolton.	Ennismore.	Chatham.
Elizabethtown.	Ancaster.	Dover, East.
Leeds & Lansdown, rear	Barton.	Dover, West.
Edwardsburgh.	Glandford.	Harwich.
South Gower.	Flamboro' West.	Tilbury, East.
Oxford (co. Grenville.)	Wainfleet.	Colchester.
Wolf Island.	Charlottetown.	Gosfield.
Richmond (co. Lennox)	Walsingham.	Maidstone.

ADVANTAGES OF THE JOURNAL OF EDUCATION TO SCHOOL OFFICERS.

The Local Superintendent of Schools in the Township of Murray states:—"I am much pleased with the arrangement made to supply every School Section with a *Register* and a copy of the *Journal of Education*. They were much needed, as it was *almost impossible* for the Trustees in some sections to make anything like a correct report, for want of proper facilities for registering the