

11. To prepare and transmit to the Chief Superintendent, on or before the 1st day of December in each year, an annual return of all the provincial school statistics collected during the year, and a report on the general character of the schools in their respective districts, the means of increasing their usefulness, and such other points as may suggest themselves, or to which their attention may be specially drawn by the Chief Superintendent.

XIV. OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

1. The Law gives the Board of Education power "to make Rules and Regulations for the construction and ventilation of school houses, and the furniture and apparatus to be provided and used therein."

2. The Board cannot do more at present than call the attention of all parties to this subject. The importance of having School houses constructed on the very best principles, will be universally admitted.

3. It is desirable that many of the buildings now used for this purpose should be immediately improved, both in their external appearance, and in their internal arrangements. As respects any new erection, the laws of health, as well as the convenience of the greatest number, should be consulted in selecting the site; the school-house should be large enough to accommodate as many scholars as may be expected to attend, the ceiling should be at least twelve feet high, and means should be provided to have it properly lighted and ventilated. There should also be sufficient out-buildings and a playground, and whenever it is practicable, land enough should be secured for a garden and Teacher's residence. This last remark is especially applicable to the establishment of a Superior School in any district. The Board would particularly press on the attention of the Trustees, the importance of all School Houses, and the land on which they are erected, being made public property.

4. The Chief Superintendent shall keep in his Office, ready for immediate reference, the plans of school-house grounds, school houses, and descriptions of furniture, recently published in Canada, Nova Scotia, and the United States, and shall exert his best endeavours to aid the school committees in making selections and arrangements, proportioned to the money to be expended.