

Quebec, Quebec and Lake St. John district, 2½ sheets, in progress.....	4 miles=1 inch.	6,912
do ¼ sheet, 18 S.E. and 18 N.E. (Messrs. Bailey and McInnes) in draughtsman's hands.....	do	3,950
do Lièvre River and Templeton Phosphate region, Ottawa county, 2 sheets (Mr. Ingall), will be ready for engraver in two months. ....	40 chains=1 inch.	220
New Brunswick, surface geology, ¼ sheet 1 S.W., 1 S.E. and 1 N.E., 3 sheets (Mr. Chalmers), ready for engraver in a month.....	4 miles=1 inch.	6,650
Nova Scotia, ¼ sheet, 11 N.W. and 11 S.W. in the engraver's hands.....	do	
Nova Scotia, ¼ sheet, 4 N.E. and 4 S.E. (Messrs. Fletcher and Faribault) in manuscript, most part of them drawn.	1 inch=1 mile.	

## LIBRARY. SALES AND DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS.

Dr. Thorburn reports that the distribution of the various publications of the Geological Survey Department with which he is charged has now attained large dimensions and is likely to increase year by year. Last year there were sent from the office, including Annual Reports, special Reports and maps, 8,936. This is exclusive of the annual Report Vol. III, 1887-88 in French, the printing of which has unfortunately been delayed. There have been distributed in Canada 6,527, the remainder, 2,409, were sent to foreign countries, to scientific and literary institutions and individuals in the various countries of Europe, India, China, Japan, Australia, the United States, &c.

There have been received as exchanges during 1890, 2,375 publications, including reports, transactions, proceedings, memoirs, periodicals, pamphlets and maps.

The books purchased during the year were 116, and 41 periodicals have been subscribed for.

The number of books bound during the same period has been 152. Now that the work of binding has been taken over by the Government, it is hoped that it will, in future, be done as promptly as is desirable, and indeed essential that it should be, to make the volumes accessible to the members of the staff who are constantly requiring them for consultation and reference.

As an evidence of the amount of work connected with matters relating to the library, and to the distribution of the Geological Survey publications, it may be stated that during the past year, 1,644 letters were sent by the Librarian and 2,476 were received by him, as compared with 1,511 and 1,256 in 1889.

The number of volumes in the library is now about 8,500, and of pamphlets, 3,300.

In the Report for 1886, it was stated that a card catalogue of the library had been introduced. It has been in operation ever since and has been found to be of great service in assisting members of the staff in finding, more readily than formerly, information on the various subjects under investigation.

For several years past, the space allotted to the library has been found to be altogether insufficient, and consequently a large number of books are not readily available for reference, except at great inconvenience of those wishing to consult them. It is to be hoped that this will be soon remedied so that a full and exhaustive classification may be made.

Sales of Survey publications for year ending 31st December, 1890, amounted to \$2,366.42.

## VISITORS.

The number of visitors to the Museum during the year, from 1st January to the 31st December, was 17,760.