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CHANGE OF TEXT BOOKS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

So much misapprehension has prevailed in regard to the change of Text Books in our Public Schools, that the following information on the subject has been prepared for insertion in this Journal. It will be seen, from the facts here given, how entirely mistaken parties have been who have complained of the so called frequent change of Text Books. The changes have been made in most cases but once or twice in Twenty-five Years. Changes have been twice made in the Text Books on Arithmetic and Grammar at the time specified, for the reasons given below.

LIST OF NATIONAL AND OTHER SCHOOL BOOKS FORMERLY SANCTIONED BY THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR USE IN THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF UPPER CANADA.

Name of Book and when sanctioned.	Name of Book and when sanctioned.
<i>First Book of Lessons.</i>	<i>Sangster's First National Arithmetic (Dec. Currency.)</i>
<i>Second do.</i>	<i>Key to Sangster's First National Arithmetic.</i>
<i>Sequel to Second Book.</i>	<i>National Arithmetic in Theory and Practice.</i> 1846.
<i>Third Book of Lessons.</i>	<i>Sangster's National Arithmetic in the Decimal Currency.</i> 1860.
<i>Fourth do.</i>	<i>*Sangster's Natural Philosophy.</i>
<i>Fifth do. for Boys.</i>	<i>*National Book-Keeping.</i> { 1846.
<i>Sixth, or Reading Book for Girls' School.</i>	<i>*Key to do.</i>
<i>Introduction to the Art of Reading.</i>	<i>Colenso's Algebra, Part I.</i>
<i>Spelling Book Superseded (Sullivan's.)</i>	<i>National Elements of Geometry.</i>
<i>English Grammar.</i>	<i>National Mensuration.</i>
<i>Key to English Grammar.</i>	<i>Appendix to ditto.</i>
<i>Robertson's Principles of Grammar (for Teachers.)</i>	<i>National Scripture Lessons—Old and New Testament.</i>
<i>Lennie's English Grammar.</i>	<i>Do. Sacred Poetry.</i>
<i>Kirkham's English Grammar.</i>	<i>Do. Lessons on the Truth of Christianity.</i>
<i>National Epitome of Geographical Knowledge.</i>	<i>Hullah's Vocal Music.</i>
<i>Do. Compendium of do.</i>	<i>National set of Table Lessons—Arithmetic.</i>
<i>*Geography Generalized, (Sullivan's.)</i>	<i>Do. do. do. —Spelling and Reading.</i>
<i>Introduction to Geography and History, (Sullivan's.)</i>	<i>Do. do. do. —Copy Lines.</i>
<i>Geography and History of the British Colonies. (Hodgins.)</i>	<i>Also the National Maps, Maps of Canada and of British America, &c.</i> 1846-1853.
1857.	

The italics indicate those books which have been superseded by the new series. The books marked by an asterisk are still used (temporarily) by teachers in preparing themselves for examination.

Subjoined is a complete list of the Books at present authorized for Public Schools, from which will readily be perceived all the changes that have been made. The dates at which the Books at present in use were severally introduced are appended.

The Irish National Arithmetics in use since 1846 were decimalized and adapted in 1860; these books were afterwards superseded by two others, in 1869-70. No Grammars were ever sanctioned for use in the Public Schools except Lennie's, Kirkham's, the National, and Robertson's (for teachers.) These four books were superseded by two in 1868. No other Grammar was ever authorized for use in the Public Schools of Ontario, although others may have been used in them without authority and even contrary to law. The exclusion of these unauthorized books has, no doubt, been mistaken for and confounded with the recommendation by the Council of Public Instruction of other superior ones in their place. The Council is, however, in no way responsible for the inconvenience caused to trustees and school authorities who persisted in using unauthorized books contrary to law.