

9. DEPOSITORY BRANCH, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF ONTARIO.

Copy of an Order in Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the 24th day of November, A.D. 1876.

Upon the report and recommendation of the Honourable the Minister of Education, dated the 20th November, 1876, the Committee of Council advise that the annexed regulation with respect to the Depository Branch of the Education Department be approved by your Honour.

(Signed) J. G. SCOTT,
Clerk Executive Council, Ontario.

25th November, 1876.

The undersigned begs respectfully to submit for the consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the following, with respect to the Depository of the Education Department, namely:—

The Consolidated School Act, 37 Vic. cap. 27, sec. 31, sub-section 29, authorized the payment out of any moneys appropriated by the Legislature of one-half the cost of any prize or library books sanctioned by the Council of Public Instruction, for Public Schools, and High Schools, which might be purchased by the Municipal or School Corporation, from any Bookseller or other parties instead of at the Depository.

The Chief Superintendent had been also authorized out of moneys provided by the Legislature to grant aid in the purchase of Prize and Library Books, Maps and apparatus, to an amount equal to that contributed and expended from local sources for the same object, and the Depository had been established through which this was being carried into effect.

The extension by the Act of 1874, of this principle of aid to Prize and Library Books purchased elsewhere, has given rise to the question as to the relative terms on which the Booksellers and the Department should supply these books. The late Chief Superintendent, in July, 1874, prepared a case to submit to the Chief Justice of Ontario for his opinion, in order to determine this question. The points involved were (1) what was to be deemed the "cost" of books procured from Booksellers or other parties, and (2) the proper "cost" of books from the Depository. No opinion was, however, expressed by the Chief Justice.

The Act of 1874 left it optional with Municipal and School Corporations to purchase Prize and Library Books from the Depository or elsewhere; and if this could be done with equal advantages, the effect would be to protect these Corporations in the quality and price of the books, through the competition of the Depository and Bookselling trade, while the Depository being continued would ensure the schools always obtaining these books at fair prices.

Purchasers from the Booksellers are by this Act placed under the supervision of the Department, and there are proper safeguards as to the cost, the edition, and binding of the books. It is in the interest of the Schools that the fullest effect should be given to this provision of the Act, which established mutual competition between the Depository and the Trade.

The Booksellers, however, represent that this effect has been frustrated by the Department: firstly, in requiring too formal a procedure in obtaining payment of the accounts for books supplied through them, and, secondly, in having reduced the price of books in the Depository, so as to represent eighteen cents to the shilling sterling, instead of nineteen or twenty cents, which was formerly the charge.

The undersigned proposes to simplify the routine for payment; and as to the price, the undersigned, upon consideration of all the circumstances, which are fully discussed in the different documents before the undersigned, has come to the conclusion that the cost of books furnished by the Depository nearly represents nineteen cents to the shilling sterling.

The undersigned would therefore respectfully recommend your Honour, in Council, to approve of the annexed regulation herewith submitted to that effect.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) ADAM CROOKS,
Minister of Education.

Education Department, Ontario.
Toronto, 20th November, 1876.

Regulation with Respect to the Depository Branch.

The price of Prize and Library Books purchased by Municipal or School Corporations from the Depository, in respect of which aid is granted out of moneys voted by the Legislature shall be based upon (19) nineteen cents to the one shilling sterling, in respect of all Prize and Library Books placed in stock since the 1st of January, 1876.

10. TRUSTEE PURCHASES FROM BOOKSELLERS.

Copy of an Order in Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the 20th day of December, A.D. 1876.

Upon the Report of the Honourable the Minister of Education, dated the 16th of December, 1876, the Committee of Council advise that the annexed regulations, respecting purchases of library and prize books from booksellers, be substituted for the requirements under the former regulations of the Council of Public Instruction.

Certified.

(Signed) J. G. SCOTT,
Clerk Executive Council, Ontario.

23rd December, 1876.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING PURCHASES OF LIBRARY PRIZE BOOKS FROM BOOKSELLERS—APPROVED BY HIS HONOR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

1. The annexed form of account and guarantee is substituted for that formerly in use.
2. As a general rule one copy only of each book should be supplied to each school, in order that, as far as possible, the information to be found in a variety of books may be widely diffused.
3. The amount of each purchase is not to be under the sum of \$10.
4. The books are to be selected *bona fide* for the purpose of Prizes to the pupils of the school, or for the school library, (as the case may be) and are not to be acquired for, or to be disposed of by any teacher or private person, or for any purpose whatsoever, except as Library or Prize books for the school. Any default, by any school corporation, in this particular, will forfeit its right to the one-half allowance for any book to be purchased in future.

(Signed) ADAM CROOKS,
Minister.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
December 15th, 1876.

PARTICULARS OF CLAIM.

Trustees of.....

FOR AUTHORIZED BOOKS FOR LIBRARIES OR SCHOOL PRIZES

Purchased from.....

ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE.

Amount of Claim for Refund, \$.....

Name of Book.	Name of Publisher of Book.	EDITION AND PRICE OF BOOK.				Notes or Remarks.	
		Edition of Book.	Style of Binding.	Page of Catalogue or No. of Book.	Price charged by Bookseller.		
					\$	Cents.	
				Total, \$....			
				One-half payable to the Trustees.			

NOTE.—The undertaking endorsed on this schedule is to be signed by the Trustees. Any book which has not been authorized by the Department will be struck off this schedule. There is no allowance for any purchase under \$10.

To the Education Department, Ontario.

UNDERTAKING OF THE TRUSTEES OF

We, the undersigned Trustees, do hereby certify that we have purchased the Books mentioned in the within schedule at the prices therein mentioned, strictly for the purposes of School Prizes (or Libraries), and we undertake that such Books shall be properly applied for this purpose, and will not permit them to be disposed of to the Teachers, or to any private person, or for any private purpose whatsoever.