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### FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES, UPPER CANADA.

We present, in this number of the *Journal*, an annual statement of the operations of the Educational Depository during the year 1866. From the accompanying tables it will be seen that the number and value of the books sent out for

libraries and prizes, as also the maps and apparatus, are largely in excess of any previous year. This increase is most gratifying, and shows the growing popularity and importance of this branch of our educational operations.

Number of volumes sent out during the years	Total volumes of Library Books.	History.	Zoology and Physiology.	Botany.	Phenomena.	Physical Science.	Geology.	Natural Philosophy and Manufactures.	Chemistry.	Agricultural Chemistry.	Practical Agriculture.	Literature.	Voyages.	Biography.	Tales and Sketches—Practical Life.	Teacher's Library.	Prize Books.	Grand total Library and Prize Books.
1853.....	21922	4158	1602	287	906	526	234	940	132	192	807	2694	1141	2917	5178	208	.....	21922
1854.....	66711	10633	5532	1030	2172	1351	636	4780	629	321	3235	5764	4350	6393	19807	578	.....	66711
1855.....	28659	5475	2053	318	558	663	200	1808	207	76	1452	3361	2926	3081	6049	432	.....	28659
1856.....	13669	2498	652	118	397	287	77	660	55	81	418	1523	1019	1844	3832	258	.....	13669
1857.....	29823	5295	1763	321	632	817	195	1729	134	67	1257	2391	2253	3516	9219	244	2557	32390
1858.....	7587	1567	508	86	152	98	61	276	27	2	185	713	843	744	2245	84	8045	15632
1859.....	9308	1670	551	136	208	192	130	432	87	18	300	1169	714	1127	2401	172	12089	21397
1860.....	9072	1561	475	144	223	200	100	526	61	17	339	852	797	1115	2520	142	20194	29266
1861.....	6488	1273	302	59	101	72	64	223	36	2	172	601	760	380	1826	117	26931	33419
1862.....	5599	927	244	45	99	43	75	211	45	24	165	412	661	830	1706	112	29760	35359
1863.....	6274	707	304	42	97	80	67	282	26	6	202	547	652	864	2286	112	32890	39164
1864.....	3381	552	140	11	47	38	28	134	7	.....	87	321	290	451	1198	57	33381	36742
1865.....	3882	611	168	20	62	53	26	131	3	.....	110	328	534	553	1225	58	44601	49482
1866.....	6856	1144	217	56	125	81	55	282	26	19	291	652	776	784	2200	148	58871	65727
Totals ...	219221	38071	14506	2678	5780	4501	1948	12414	1475	775	9021	21328	17716	25099	61192	2722	269319	485540
Deduct volumes returned for exchange, &c .....																		616
Volumes sent to Mechanics' Institutes, &c., not included in the above .....																		487924
Grand total Library Books, &c., despatched up to 31st December, 1866 .....																		8340
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We also insert extracts from the school reports and documents received from Australia, Nova Scotia, Maryland, and other places, showing how far these countries have adopted the Upper Canada mode for supplying their schools with these

useful and necessary adjuncts to an efficient school system. The following extracts from the last report of the Chief Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada will explain the mode adopted in this country: