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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, have been quite large. During the months of January and February of this year, too, the orders have been unprecedentedly large, especially for maps and apparatus. Indeed, it has been almost impossible to supply the demand—no less than 1,370 maps and 246 charts—total, 1,616 (independently of books and apparatus) have been ordered and sent out up to 15th March. The receipts of the Department (which have been sent in to the Provincial Treasury) have also been very large, as compared with the receipts of the corresponding months of last year, being as follows:—

	1870	1871	1872
January .....	\$1,587	\$2,260	\$3,742
February .....	1,660	2,039	3,233

These facts are most gratifying, and show the continued and growing popularity and importance of this branch of our educational operations.

**FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES IN ONTARIO.**

We present in this number of the *Journal* an annual statement of the operations of the Educational Depository up to the end of the year 1871.

TABLE shewing the Number and Classification of Public Library and Prize Books sent out from the Depository of the Ontario Education Department from 1853 to 1871, inclusive.

No. of volumes sent out during the year.	Total volumes of library books.	History.	Zoology and Phy-siology.	Botany.	Phenomena.	Physical Science.	Geology.	Natural Philosophy & Manufactures.	Chemistry.	Agricultural Che-mistry.	Practical Agricul-ture.	Literature.	Voyages.	Biography.	Tales & Sketches, Practical Life.	Fiction.	Teachers' Library.	Prize Books.	Grand Total Li-brary 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	19307	.....	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	31	418	1523	1019	1844	3832	.....	258	.....	13669
1857..	29833	5295	1763	321	632	817	195	1729	134	67	1257	2391	2253	3516	9219	.....	244	2557	32390
1858..	7587	1567	503	86	152	98	61	276	27	2	186	713	843	744	2245	.....	84	8045	15632
1859..	9308	1670	551	136	209	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	880	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..	3361	552	140	11	47	38	28	134	7	.....	87	521	290	451	1198	.....	57	33381	36742
1865..	3882	611	168	20	62	53	26	131	3	.....	110	328	534	553	1225	.....	58	44601	48483
1866..	6856	1144	217	56	125	81	55	282	26	19	291	652	776	784	2200	.....	148	58871	65727
1867..	5426	1003	125	20	78	65	15	189	7	.....	118	524	595	650	1971	.....	66	64103	69529
1868..	6573	1106	214	39	86	61	42	195	26	.....	132	554	979	736	2211	150	52	54715	61288
1869..	6428	1148	268	51	96	91	36	198	18	19	162	499	1172	882	1237	491	60	54657	61085
1870..	5024	865	162	28	68	64	36	156	14	.....	159	367	527	610	1542	374	52	60655	65679
1871..	4825	830	152	12	46	41	35	145	18	1	149	366	581	524	1591	297	37	60204	65029
Totals..	247497	43023	15427	2823	6154	4813	2112	13297	1558	795	9741	23638	21570	28501	69744	1312	2989	563653	811150
Volumes sent to Mechanics' Institutes, &c., 16,867 (less 616 volumes returned for exchange).....																			16251
Grand Total, Library and Prize Books, despatched up to the 31st December, 1871 .....																			827401