

throughout the Province, in the improved and improving methods of School organization and teaching, as well as in the character and qualification of Teachers.

XIII. TABLE N.—THE OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN UPPER CANADA IN 1861.

This Table presents an approximate statistical view of other educational Institutions than Grammar and Common Schools, including Colleges, Academies, and Private Schools, as far as information respecting them could be obtained. In support of these Institutions, \$173,943 had been received and expended during the year, being a decrease of \$4,387; and 8,734 Students and Pupils have been taught in them, being an increase of 953.

XIV. TABLE O.—FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES SUPPLIED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND OTHER PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

1. The system of Free Public Libraries is as follows: A carefully classified Catalogue of about four thousand Books, (which, after examination, have been approved by the Council of Public Instruction), is sent to each School Municipality. Arrangements have been made with the English and American Publishers of these Books to procure them on advantageous terms for Public Libraries alone. From this Catalogue the School, or Municipal, Authorities, desirous of establishing or improving a Library, select such Books as they think proper, and receive from the Department those desired at cost prices, (so far as they are in print or stock), with an apportionment of one hundred per cent. upon whatever sum, or sums, they transmit towards the purchase of the Books. The Libraries are managed according to General Regulations made by the Council of Public Instruction.

2. The value of Books already supplied by this Department since 1855 is \$99,808,—representing 193,258 Volumes. Since the severe commercial and financial depression of the Country, the annual demand for Library Books has been somewhat less than in previous years, while the demand for Prize-Books in the Schools, (supplied upon the same terms as Library Books), has increased. The amount provided from local sources for the purchase of Library Books in 1861 was \$2,042, to which an equal sum was added by this Department, making \$4,084. The number of Volumes purchased with this amount was 6,590. The whole number of Free Libraries, exclusive of sub-divisions, was 481—Increase, 70.

3. The number of Sunday School Libraries reported was 1,875—Increase, 119. The number of Volumes reported in these Libraries was 288,664—Increase, 10,016. The number of Public Libraries was 355—Increase, 8. The number of Volumes reported in these Libraries was 159,804—Increase, 1,999. The number of Common School Free Libraries, as above stated, was 481, containing 193,220 Volumes, making a total of 2,711 Libraries—Increase, 197; containing 641,688 Volumes—Increase, 18,577 Volumes.

XV. TABLE P.—MAPS, APPARATUS AND PRIZE-BOOKS SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO GRAMMAR AND COMMON SCHOOLS DURING THE YEAR 1861.

1. This Department not only supplies the Schools with Maps, Globes and various articles of School apparatus, apportioning one hundred per cent. upon whatever sums are provided from local sources for these purposes, but it gets nearly all these articles manufactured in the Country, and better executed and at lower prices than they can be imported. The Globes and Maps manufactured in Toronto contain the latest discoveries of Voyagers and Travellers, and are executed in the best manner, as are the Tellurians, Numeral Frames, Geometrical Forms, Mechanical Powers, etcetera. All this is done by employing private skill and enterprise,—furnishing to the Manufacturers the model and copy, and permitting and encouraging them to dispose of these articles to private Schools, as the Department supplies none but Municipal and School Authorities with them.