

During the time that the Educational Depository was in operation—from 1853 to the end of 1876—the following is a summary of the number of Maps, Charts, Globes, and other Apparatus, which was sent out from it to the Schools, etc.:—

Number of Maps and Charts of various kinds sent out:—
Fifty-four thousand, Four hundred and fifteen (54,415).

Number of Globes and Pieces of Apparatus:—Thirty thousand, One hundred and fifty-eight (30,158).

Number of sets of Historical and other Lessons in sheets:—
Two hundred and Ninety-three thousand, three hundred and eight (293,308).

Total number of Library and Prize Books sent out to the Schools and Mechanics' Institutes, and also to Sunday Schools:—One million, Two hundred and Fourteen thousand, Four hundred and Seventy-one volumes (1,214,471).

After his return to Canada, and as a Member of the Legislature, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie frequently made attacks on the Educational Depository. At my request, however, he came to the Depository and spent some hours in going over such invoices, papers and other documents, which he called for, connected with its operation and management; and, at the end of his examination and enquiries, he expressed himself to me as perfectly satisfied. At a later period, (as I have stated in the "*Story of My Life*," page 187), when the Rev. John C. Geikie, then a Book-seller in Toronto, commenced his attacks on the Depository, Mr. Mackenzie, in his *Weekly Message* newspaper, thus referred to these attacks:—

"At one time we thought with the redoubtable Geikie, that Dr. Ryerson's Book Concern was a monopoly, but a more thorough enquiry induced us to change that opinion. We found that great benefits were obtained for the Townships, the County Schools and general education through Dr. Ryerson's plan, which could in no other way be conferred upon them."

In 1868, at the request of the Chief Superintendent, a Select Committee of twenty-three Members of the House of Assembly, (selected from both sides of the House), was appointed by the Legislature to make a thorough investigation into the working—especially of the financial operations—of the Education Department. A sub-committee, under the chairmanship of the Hon. John McMurrich, was appointed to inquire into this matter. In their report they say:

"Your Committee find, that the system adopted by the Department is of so thorough and complete a character, that no funds can by any possibility be received without being checked by proper Officers, whose several duties require them to make entries in various books, through which every item can readily be traced.

"Your Committee have also made a thorough investigation of the Depository department, and find that the existing arrangements for purchasing stock are satisfactory and well fitted for securing the same on the most favorable terms. The mode of disposing of the Books, etc., is equally satisfactory."