

PREFATORY NOTE.

It has been thought advisable to collect, condense and arrange the general provisions of the Law, and the Rules and Regulations for the establishment of Public School Libraries. The accompanying pamphlet has therefore been prepared for the information and guidance of all parties concerned or interested in the promotion of Libraries in Upper Canada :

The system of Public Libraries which has been brought into operation during the year 1853, will preëminently form an era in the intellectual history of Upper Canada. It is a system which has been a subject of inquiry, consideration, and preparation for years—which has been a matter of free and public consultation in every county—which leaves the people free to act as counties, townships, cities, towns, villages, or school sections, as they please—which combines all the resources of each municipality to provide useful and entertaining reading for the whole population—and renders accessible to the remotest municipality of the country, and at the lowest prices, the best books for popular reading that are published