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noble system of Free Public Libraries was put into successful operation; the Grammar Schools were re-organised, and salutary regulations for their government, and for the government of the Common Schools were adopted; a fund for the support of Superannuated Common School Teachers created; and a special grant made by the Legislature to enable the Department to supply the Public Schools with suitable maps, charts, diagrams, and those other useful and appropriate adjuncts in the difficult and laborious process of education, which the ingenuity and experience of educationists and teachers have from time to time suggested.

In regard to the Public Libraries, it may be gratifying to know that at the close of 1855 about 150 libraries, containing nearly 120,000 volumes of books had been despatched by the Educational Department to the various counties of Upper Canada. The number of volumes sent out during each month, up to the end of 1855, and the subjects to which they referred is given in the following statement:—

**THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM OF UPPER CANADA.**

The years 1853—1855 will long be worthy of note in the educational history of Upper Canada. In those years the

Number of Volumes sent out during the Months of	Subjects																Grand Totals.	
	History.	Zoology.	Botany.	Phenomena, &c.	Physical Sciences.	Geology, &c.	Natural Philosophy.	Chemistry.	Agricultural Chemistry.	Practical Agriculture.	Manufactures.	Modern Literature.	Ancient Literature.	Voyages, &c.	Biography.	Tales and Sketches Practical L.		Teachers' Library.
November, 1853.	168	62	16	29	15	5	9	6	9	48	36	70	20	54	126	284	4	961
December	3,990	1,540	217	377	511	229	187	126	183	759	708	2,187	417	1,087	2,791	4,894	204	20,901
January, 1854.	624	279	46	143	34	30	34	29	48	151	93	291	19	291	435	545	34	3,129
February	1,290	627	125	275	237	85	108	93	65	348	201	771	59	528	738	2,252	74	7,874
March	562	164	25	62	59	27	22	22	24	103	50	211	9	182	225	556	67	2,161
April	174	101	13	34	28	13	11	10	8	42	33	111	4	96	110	348	13	1,149
May	797	472	56	112	98	45	66	40	32	156	145	562	25	291	597	1,468	46	4,948
June	996	476	79	276	95	46	100	41	23	176	306	482	26	294	478	1,286	56	5,236
July	1,601	937	150	40	208	81	160	81	38	420	565	788	24	523	919	2,320	70	9,305
August	1,028	574	92	199	136	61	106	70	24	411	415	555	...	447	677	2,303	44	7,142
September	1,269	596	127	230	182	66	182	79	16	363	665	586	12	541	710	3,751	42	9,372
October	1,434	883	183	256	219	110	250	112	28	617	716	673	12	908	872	2,549	66	9,787
November	619	278	74	110	92	47	59	33	8	308	245	414	8	322	404	1,214	47	4,282
December	389	145	51	69	22	25	40	19	7	105	196	181	3	162	228	715	20	2,386
January, 1855.	805	392	64	110	214	48	69	50	8	186	162	583	25	357	468	935	94	4,570
February	174	100	17	65	22	9	12	21	3	62	88	158	1	134	185	596	20	1,667
March	83	43	12	16	10	6	5	2	...	52	23	74	...	49	44	285	15	639
April	398	160	29	41	48	15	48	18	2	49	130	363	7	248	389	651	29	2,694
May	724	331	50	69	48	39	86	34	22	201	223	387	12	338	485	908	53	4,100
June	1,047	405	71	95	99	35	108	45	14	355	230	567	14	607	446	1,157	101	5,446
July	428	98	8	24	61	6	39	22	7	105	65	141	...	153	171	346	30	1,704
August	508	156	37	35	59	11	26	5	6	108	65	288	10	165	171	277	14	1,941
September	402	96	4	10	16	6	11	...	2	91	89	207	1	217	192	314	31	1,619
October	612	211	9	46	53	14	40	4	11	128	165	258	...	418	391	203	23	2,595
November	194	116	12	32	27	9	24	3	1	40	32	205	1	153	139	206	19	1,215
December	100	5	5	15	6	2	5	3	...	6	4	58	1	87	40	231	3	571
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,266</b>	<b>9,187</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>3,636</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>1,823</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>5,494</b>	<b>5,705</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>8,417</b>	<b>12,391</b>	<b>30,534</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>117,292</b>

To every Canadian (whether Colonist or native born,) the foregoing statement will not only suggest matter for congratulation and hopefulness, but it will also incite to still greater activity in promoting the influence and advantages of these Free Public Libraries among the people.

The startling facts which the annual gaol returns of our chief cities and towns disclose, furnish matter for the gravest reflection. With all our exertions to sustain and extend the enlightened system of Education which has been established by the Legislature, there yet remains numbers of the population