

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR
ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPOSITORY BRANCH OF THE EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF ONTARIO, FROM 1850 TO 1875, INCLUSIVE.

NOTE. The Minister of Education having appointed Mr. James Brown, formerly a Banker, and an experienced Accountant, to make a thorough investigation into the accounts and management of the Educational Depository from 1850 to 1875, Mr. Brown presented to the Minister a series of forty-two Statements, with appendices, covering the whole of the financial operations of the Depository for the years mentioned. These Statements the Minister embodied in the following extracts from the Report of the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject:—

I beg to transmit for your information and that of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Special Report on the Accounts and Business Operations of the Depository Branch of the Education Department, from the year 1850 to the year 1875, inclusive.

The Financial Operations of the Depository during this period of twenty-six years comprise the following results, videlicet:—

1. Total Legislative Grants expended by the Depository for Books, Maps, Apparatus, Freight, Salaries, and all other Expenses, of the Depository from 1850 to 1875, inclusive..	\$811,523 72
2. Total value of Books, Maps and Apparatus despatched from the Depository, from 1850 to 1875, inclusive	803,067 86
Difference	<u>\$8,455 86</u>
3. Net value of Stock in the Depository on the 1st of January, 1876, at cost valuation	<u>\$79,509 41</u>
4. Net profit therefore made by the Depository, after paying all of its Expenses, including Salaries and contingencies.....	\$70,053 55

NOTE.—Thus showing that, after paying all the expenses of the Educational Depository, it netted, as a profit to the Province, the large sum of over \$70,000.

5. The value of Books, Maps, etcetera, despatched from the Depository during the year 1875	\$62,169 00
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On assuming charge of the Education Department in March, 1876, I deemed it advisable that a Person unconnected with the Department, conversant with Accounts and Business of this nature, should be employed to enquire into and investigate the Financial Operations and Management of the Depository since its establishment in 1850. . . .

The Report, Schedule and Appendices will show that the working and Financial management of the Depository Branch of the Department have been satisfactorily conducted by the late Chief Superintendent and his Deputy, Doctor Hodgins, with whom, during this whole period, rested the personal oversight of all its transactions.

TORONTO, 12th December, 1876.

ADAM CROOKS, *Minister of Education.*