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FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES, ONTARIO.

We present, in this number of the *Journal*, an annual statement of the operations of the Educational Depository up to and during the year 1869. From the accompanying tables it will be seen that the number and value of the books sent out for libraries and prizes, as also the maps and apparatus, are quite large; and during the current month of the present year there has been an increase over the corresponding month of last year. These facts are most gratifying, and show the growing popularity and importance of this branch of our educational operations.

TABLE SHEWING THE NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY AND PRIZE BOOKS SENT OUT FROM THE DEPOSITORY OF THE ONTARIO EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, FROM 1853 TO 1869, INCLUSIVE.

Number of volumes sent out during the years:	Total volumes of Library Books.	History.	Zoology and Physiology.	Botany.	Phenomena.	Physical Science.	Geology.	Natural Philosophy and Manufactures.	Chemistry.	Agricultural Chemistry.	Practical Agriculture.	Literature.	Voyages.	Biography.	Tales and sketches, Practical Life.	Fiction.	Teachers' Library.	Prize Books.	Grand Total Library and Prize Books.
1853.....	21,922	4,158	1,602	287	906	526	234	940	132	192	807	2,694	1,141	2,917	5,178	.....	208	.....	21,922
1854.....	66,711	10,633	5,532	1,030	2,172	1,351	636	4,780	629	321	3,235	5,764	4,350	6,393	19,307	.....	578	.....	66,711
1855.....	28,659	5,475	2,053	318	558	663	200	1,808	207	76	1,452	3,361	2,926	3,081	6,049	.....	432	.....	28,659
1856.....	13,669	2,498	652	118	397	287	77	660	55	31	418	1,523	1,019	1,844	3,832	.....	258	.....	13,669
1857.....	29,833	5,295	1,763	321	632	817	195	1,729	134	67	1,257	2,391	2,253	3,516	9,219	.....	244	2,557	32,390
1858.....	7,587	1,567	503	86	152	98	61	276	27	2	186	713	843	744	2,245	.....	84	8,045	15,832
1859.....	9,308	1,670	551	136	209	192	130	432	87	18	300	1,169	714	1,127	2,401	.....	172	12,089	21,397
1860.....	9,072	1,561	475	144	223	200	100	526	61	17	339	852	797	1,115	2,520	.....	142	20,194	29,266
1861.....	6,488	1,273	302	59	101	72	64	223	36	2	172	601	760	880	1,826	.....	117	26,931	33,419
1862.....	5,599	927	244	45	99	43	75	211	45	24	165	412	661	830	1,706	.....	112	29,760	35,359
1863.....	6,274	707	304	42	97	80	67	282	26	6	202	547	652	864	2,286	.....	112	32,890	39,164
1864.....	3,361	552	140	11	47	38	28	134	7	.....	87	321	290	451	1,198	.....	57	33,381	36,742
1865.....	3,882	611	168	20	62	53	26	131	3	.....	110	328	534	553	1,225	.....	58	44,601	48,483
1866.....	6,856	1,144	217	56	125	81	55	282	26	19	291	652	776	784	2,200	.....	148	58,871	65,727
1867.....	5,426	1,003	125	20	78	65	15	189	7	.....	118	524	595	650	1,971	.....	66	64,103	69,529
1868.....	6,573	1,106	214	39	86	51	42	195	26	.....	132	554	979	736	2,211	150	52	54,715	61,288
1869.....	6,428	1,148	268	51	96	91	36	198	18	19	162	499	1,172	882	1,237	491	60	54,657	61,085
Totals.....	237,648	41,328	15,113	2,783	6,040	4,708	2,041	12,996	1,526	794	9,433	22,905	20,462	27,367	66,611	641	2,900	442,794	680,442

Deduct volumes returned for exchange, &c..... 616

Volumes sent to Mechanics' Institutes and Sunday Schools not included in the above..... 679826

Grand Total, Library and Prize Books despatched up to the 31st December, 1869..... 11735

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