

Your Committee have to congratulate the country upon the extent and efficiency of its educational system, brought to its present state of usefulness mainly by the indefatigable exertions of the able and venerable Chief Superintendent, the Reverend Doctor Ryerson, seconded by the Council of Public Instruction, and a most efficient staff of officers, together with the liberal provision made by the representatives of the people for the support of education in all its branches.

Your Committee are also much indebted to the Chief Superintendent for the great assistance given to the Committee by him in pursuing their inquiries; and it is matter of regret to the Committee, that the time at their disposal, owing to the many calls upon its members in the discharge of other legislative duties, has prevented the preparation of an extended report upon the subjects embraced in their enquiries.

All which is respectfully submitted.

M. C. CAMERON,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 19th, 1869.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND DEPOSITORY.

To the Chairman of the Educational Committee:—

The sub-Committee appointed to examine into the internal management of the Educational Department, report:—

That in undertaking the duties assigned to them, they first determined to make a thorough examination into the mode of conducting the financial department.

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.

They find that all moneys received by the Department are regularly deposited to the credit of the Government, with the exception of moneys intended to be disbursed in the purchase of articles outside of the institution [Trustees School seals merely], and that all expenditures are made by cheque, properly countersigned by the different heads of the department to which they respectively belong.

They find that a perfect system of registration of every communication received by the department is maintained, by means of which the several officers to whose department the communication has reference, are immediately apprized of the contents, and answers are promptly returned to the same.

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 is equally satisfactory.

Your Committee find that the amount yearly received by the Department from the Municipalities for books, maps, &c., is very considerable, amounting in 1868 to \$20,004 <sup>20</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, which sum is paid directly into the Public Treasury, and should be regarded as an offset against the amount granted to the Department.

In connexion with this subject your Committee submit the following statement, showing the cost of books, maps, &c., and the amount received for the same from 1850 to 1867, inclusive. Also the amount received from the Government on account thereof, viz:—

The total amount paid for books, maps, &c., imported from 1850 to 1867, was.....	\$271,869 52
Purchases in Montreal .....	3,990 06
Articles manufactured or purchased in Toronto...	93,146 88
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	\$369,006 46
Freight, agency, packing, printing, insurance, salaries, and expenses.....	73,600 19
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	\$442,606 65

Value of Books, dispatched, Libraries, including the 100 per cent. granted.....	\$123,298 97
Maps, prizes, &c.....	213,993 78
Do sold, without grant, (text books), &c.....	82,182 59
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	\$419,475 34
Grants received from Government on this account, from 1850-67.....	253,518 48
Less remitted Receiver-General .....	66,378 69
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	\$187,139 79

If we deduct half of the above mentioned amounts .....	\$123,298 97	213,993 78	337,292 75
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Which is ..... \$168,646 37

We get the amount of goods dispatched over and above what was paid for.	
Taking then the grants.....	\$187,139 79
And deducting the above proportion of goods.....	168,646 37
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	\$18,493 42

Leaves a balance of..... \$18,493 42

Which amount is fully covered by the stock on hand.

The above is exclusive of the transactions of 1868.

Your Committee in making their investigation have noticed that a considerable amount of extra labour has been performed in the depository and other departments by Messrs. Hodgins, Marling, and Taylor, to whose energies and abilities in a great measure the department is indebted for its present state of efficiency.

The services rendered by these gentlemen, outside of their ordinary business, and during extra hours, has hitherto rendered unnecessary the employment of additional assistance; and having performed these duties for nearly five years, your Committee regret the reduction which has been made in the amount of their emoluments, without relieving them of their extra duties, the result of which will in all probability be an increased expenditure in the shape of additional clerks.

Among other things, the printing of the establishment came under review of your Committee, and they call attention to the fact, that the prices charged by the Queen's printer are in excess of those formerly paid; for instance—

	Copies.	Lovell's Charge.	Queen's Charge.	Printer's Excess.
Journal of Education.....	5520	\$130 00	\$156 50	\$26 50
Board of Trustees Report, 125	125	17 50	28 32	10 82
Scheme for Analysis.....	1000	10 00	15 77	5 77
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	6645	\$157 50	\$200 59	\$43 09*

Your Committee have collected a complete set of the forms and papers used in the department, which they submit for your inspection.

Your Committee have great pleasure in reporting, that the internal management of the Educational Department is most satisfactory.

In conclusion, they would recommend that there be a yearly audit of the books of the department.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. McMURRICH,

*Chairman sub-Com.*

Toronto, January, 1869.

\* The Queen's Printer contractors in their explanatory Report to the Hon. the Attorney-General Macdonald, on these charges, conclude as follows:—

"We must acknowledge, however, that we are somewhat surprised that the difference in favor of our contract, admitted by all practical printers to be an exceedingly low one, is not greater than it is; and it is quite evident, after a careful examination of the accounts attached to Mr. Hodgins' report, [to the Chief Superintendent, on the Queen's Printer's Account