

tons of wood; 20,000 tons of coal; 140 presses to press hay, and 150 ovens to bake bread.

In the article of clothing there were sent not less than 200,000 of each article; 15,000 sheepskin paletots; 250,000 sheepskin gaiters; and 250,000 tents for men.—There were sent 800,000 horse-shoes, and 6,000,000 horse-shoe nails. They sent 27,000 bedsteads for invalids; 27,000 mattresses, and 40,000 coverlets; provision by way of ambulances for 24,000 sick men; 600 cases of instruments; and 700,000 pounds of lint, bandages, and dressings of various kinds. The most ample provision was made for the sick, such as concentrated milk, granulated gluten, essence of beuillen, etc.—The money expended at the seat of war was £14,000,000, provincial currency.

Such is the immense value expended by France, exclusive of that expended by Great Britain and Sardinia, in the two and a half years of the Crimean war. If this amount had been expended in the moral and secular education of the French people, what a revolution it would have been the means of effecting in the French mind; how much more stable it would have made the people of that great empire, and how much more safe would the life of the Emperor be at the present time among his own people. But the vast amount of human life and suffering, along with the pecuniary wealth of the nation, was thus expended by infidel France in order to keep the northern bear (Russia) from devouring her southern Mahomedan neighbour, Turkey.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES OF UPPER CANADA.—1858.

In addition to a large number of maps, globes, and various school apparatus, which is manufactured in Canada,—the public libraries amount to 28,059 volumes on history: zoology, 11,602; botany; phenomena, 4,665; physical science, 3,644; geology, 1,342; natural philosophy, 2,482; chemistry, 1,157; agricultural chemistry, 687; practical agriculture, 7,169; manufactures, 7,435; literature, 15,733; voyages, 11,689; biography, 17,751; tales, sketches, etc., 43,585; teacher's library, 1,720;—making a total of 160,794 volumes of valuable books now in circulation among

the free schools of Upper Canada, exclusive of 2,300 volumes which have been given as rewards to meritorious pupils in the schools. The circulation of books among the schools of this part of Canada amounts to nearly 2,500 per month; and the cost of all the books and apparatus supplied to the schools in 1857, amounted in the aggregate to £10,000.

“Of the nature of these helps and encouragements in school instruction,” says the Journal of Education, “too high an estimate can scarcely be made.

The fact that applications have been made from the municipalities, chiefly rural, for nearly 2,500 volumes per month during the past year, besides applications for school maps and apparatus, and the sending forth of such a continuous stream of enjoyment and instruction to the remotest parts of the province, is at once an indication of the progress, the spirit, and the prospects of the country, at which every patriotic heart must rejoice.”

FREE SCHOOLS.

At a public meeting recently held at Mauderville, in the county of Sunbury, N. B., a resolution was adopted, almost unanimously, to support the schools of that parish, along with the usual government allowance, by direct assessment. This is a move, by the inhabitants of Mauderville, in the right direction.

When will the intelligent parish of Westmorland, in the county of Westmorland, do likewise? Suppose we call upon the trustees to advertise a public meeting to be held in some central part of the parish and test public opinion on the subject.—What do you say, friends?

ACADIAN GEOGRAPHY.—The article under this head is crowded out of this number of the *Parish School Advocate*. This subject will be resumed hereafter.

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