

The Mechanical Arts



Try This:

- Keep open the map "Public Libraries, 1779-1891."
- Under LAYER CONTROLS, turn on the checkbox for "Mechanics' Institutes 1828-1852."



Notice ...

- The term "Mechanics' Institute" is not defined in the legend box.



Try This:

- Click on the "Related Materials" drop-down menu and select *Notes* - "Text from the Atlas."
- Scroll to the heading "Public Libraries" and read about Mechanics' Institutes.
- Close the *Notes* pop-up box and return to the map.



Notice ...

- The extent of the settled area without libraries in Québec ("Canada East") demonstrates that the development of libraries there lagged far behind that of Ontario ("Canada West").



Consider!

- The tradition of spoken communication may be stronger among French-speaking Canadians; written communication may be stronger among English-speaking Canadians.
- The sequence of "Collective Libraries 1779-1830," "Mechanics' Institutes 1828-1852," and "Public Libraries 1891" demonstrates the continuing quest among Canadians for enhanced communication and record-keeping.

