

this work. Now, I wish to draw the attention of the House to some facts in connection with the work which is given out by the Department of Agriculture. I find the following statement in the *Ottawa Citizen* of the 22nd April, headed "Facts about the Pamphlets.":

The number of publications issued and circulated by the Department of Agriculture in 1884 was, at all points, 2,597,579. The total cost of this service was, in the calendar year, \$80,066.01 including paper and all charges for freight."

By referring to the Auditor General's report, I find that the *Ottawa Citizen* made a mistake of only \$27,660.78. That can probably be easily accounted for by the fact that the *Ottawa Citizen* is one of the favorites of the Government and receives its proportion of patronage sometimes in a very liberal way. This year the proprietors of that paper have not been favored so extensively as in former years, but they received an advance, amounting to \$1,600 for work which was not done; which was not delivered, and of which no account can be given. In addition to that, they were paid over \$500 for advertising, amounting in the whole, to over \$2,100 in the past year. I do not wonder so much at the *Citizen's* statement which I have read from that journal, and which I have conclusively proven to be incorrect. It is evident that it is the intention of the organs of the Government, the *Montreal Gazette*, the *Toronto Mail*, and the *Ottawa Citizen* to misrepresent everything they possibly can with regard to this printing matter; but I feel it to be my duty, as a member of this House, to reveal the facts in connection with the matter, so that the country will thoroughly understand them.

Now, I wish to call the attention of the House to some of these publications, and to give some particulars as to the price at which they have been printed, and the number of editions that have been published. I think it is important that the House should be put in possession of these facts, which I have gone to considerable trouble to collect; and I

wish to state here, from my experience in the newspaper and printing business, that I am positive the statements I am going to make are strictly true in every respect, and are incontrovertible. I ask the criticism of any gentleman in this House or out of it upon them, and I defy any contradiction of the figures I am about to give. Of the tenant farmers' report, there were a large number of editions printed; and in order to show how this patronage was dispensed, I wish to state that the journal to which I shall refer first, the *Hamilton Spectator*, is the property of a company composed of Messrs. Southam & Carey, and some other gentlemen, and that the same firm own a job printing office connected with the *Toronto Mail* newspaper. I find that in July, 1883, that company received an order for 50,000 copies of the tenant farmers' report, for which they were paid \$3,134.40. In May, 1884, they received another order for 53,000 copies, for which they were paid \$3,458.86. The *Toronto Mail* job office, which is owned by the same company, also received an order in May, 1884, for 51,158 copies of the same publication, which cost \$3,126.04. Then I find that an account was rendered by the *Spectator* company, without any date, for 51,479 copies, for which they were paid \$2,979.99. I presume that the date was the same at which the other order was given to the same company for the same work. The Auditor General in his report, notes that no date was attached to this account. Then, the same company were favored with the publication of what is known as the Guide Book. On the 26th of June, 1883, they delivered 54,000 copies of that book, for which they received \$3,205.08. On 18th August, 1883, they had another order for 31,000 copies, for which they were paid \$1,992.81 and I find that to this amount must be added \$1,500, which they drew during the previous year on account, and which was referred to in the Auditor General's previous report. The total amount paid for this work, to the *Spectator* company, was \$17,897.18; and they also received advertising, in addition, to the amount