

Order in Council, July 7, 1892.—On a report dated July 4, 1892, from the Minister of Finance, submitting the annexed memorandum from the Auditor General with regard to the overdrafts of appropriations made by departments under their letters of credit.

The Minister in accordance therewith recommends that it be the duty of the accountant of each department to inform the Deputy Minister of the department whenever a cheque, which is about to be issued, will overdraw an appropriation or letter of credit, so that such cheque may not issue until parliamentary, or other authority as provided by the Audit Act, is obtained in the one case, or an additional credit in the other case.

The Committee recommend that a copy of this Minute be sent to the several departments for their guidance in future.

JOHN J. MCGEE, *C.P.C.*

Tariff of fees on Commissions.

Order in Council, September 7, 1893.—The Committee of the Privy Council have the honor to recommend to Your Excellency the adoption of the annexed report of the Secretary of State with reference to the tariff of fees upon commissions to public officers:—

That the following tariff of fees chargeable upon commissions to public officers be confirmed:

1. Upon commissions to lieutenant-governors, ministers of the Crown, judges of all courts, junior judges, deputy ministers and Queen's counsel, a fee of \$20.00.

2. Upon commissions issued to officers or others receiving salaries of \$1,000 or over, a fee of \$15.00.

3. Upon commissions issued to officers or others receiving salaries from \$400 to \$1,000, a fee of \$8.00.

4. Upon commissions issued to officers or others receiving salaries from \$100 to \$400, a fee of \$5.00.

5. Upon commissions issued to officers or others receiving salaries of \$100, or to officers or persons appointed to office, who are paid by fees of office, a fee of \$4.00.

He would also submit that in the case of the Solicitor General of Canada, the Controller of Inland Revenue and the Controller of Customs, and of all officers in the service of the Crown who may receive a salary of three thousand dollars or upwards, the fee chargeable on commissions issued to them be fixed at twenty dollars.

The above to apply to commissions issued under the great or privy seal.

He would further recommend that no commission or document be delivered out of the Department of the Secretary of State until the fee, if any, has been paid thereinto.

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Maximum number of Reports to be ordered by each Department for Free Distribution.

Order in Council, Jan. 19, 1893.—On a report dated 16th January, 1893, from the Minister of Finance, stating that by Order in Council, dated the 26th May, 1886, authority was given for placing on sale by the Queen's Printer, copies of public documents other than those distributed officially to the Houses of Parliament and the departments, that in accordance with this Order a circular was sent to the various departments requesting them to order only such copies as they absolutely needed for official purposes, and due arrangements were made by the Queen's Printer for advertising and supplying copies to the public.

The Minister finds that the number required for parliamentary inside and outside distribution is as to most of the departmental reports 1,800 copies of each, and as to