

The same statement also shows the increases, which are as follows, viz. :—

Agriculture Department.....	\$ 151 84
do Immigration.....	450 93
do Census and Statistics.....	2,276 43
do Jamaica Exhibition.....	188 27
Finance Department.....	146 59
Inland Revenue, outside service.....	790 10
Justice, Kingston Penitentiary.....	154 35
Marine Department.....	331 57
Militia and Defence Department.....	175 52
do do outside service.....	2,744 28
Public Works, outside service.....	435 37
Railways and Canals Department.....	931 04
do outside service.....	1,141 68
do Intercolonial Railway.....	707 22
Post Office, outside service.....	1,309 37
Public Printing and Stationery, work account.....	4,343 41
Interior Department.....	1,817 82
do Dominion Lands.....	281 51
do North-west Government.....	587 11
Geological Survey.....	218 28
Indian Affairs Department.....	291 60
Auditor General's Office.....	129 76
North-west Mounted Police.....	815 40
House of Commons.....	1,018 44
Other departments in smaller amounts..	429 49
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Total increase .....	\$21,867 38
From which deduct total decrease .....	5,105 45
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Leaving a net increase of.....	\$16,761 93
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With reference to the increases, it will be seen that the Queen's Printer's work account alone amounts to \$4,343.41 over that of last year; that of Agriculture, Census and Statistics Branch, arises no doubt from an increased demand for stationery in connection with the taking of the census of 1891; that of Militia and Defence, outside service, to the fact that this office is now supplying the Royal Military College, Kingston, with all stationery and scientific books used by them in their examinations, which in the past were purchased by themselves.

Other departments to the ordinary increased demands of the service.

The decreases are pretty much the same as last year with a few exceptions, showing a desire on the part of some of the departments to economize in the use of stationery.

We can again point with satisfaction to the purchases from Canadian houses, which shows an unusually large increase this year, notwithstanding the fact that in last year's statement it was shown that there was then an increase of \$3,361.21 over that of the previous year. Last year the amount stood \$134,081.05, whereas this year it is \$143,426.81, an increase of \$9,345.76.

Details of all the accounts will be found in the statements hereunto annexed, viz. :—

(A.) A statement of expenditure and issue by months for the years ending 30th June, 1891, further brought down to 31st December, 1891.

(B.) A general statement of expenditure and issue of goods.

(C.) A comparative statement of the issue of goods for the financial years 1889-90 and 1890-91.

During the year demands on the office have reached 15,220, the largest number yet received by 1,512; invoices entered shows an increase of 81; 1,547 letters were