

PARLIAMENTARY REPORTS.

The preceding statement shows that out of twenty-six reports, but five were received in October, one in November, two in December, making in all eight reports. During the same period last year the manuscript of fifteen annual reports was received here. It would undoubtedly subserve the requirements of Parliament and the printing department could the greater portion of this work be completed and delivered before the regular sessional work begins. Some of the reports are made up for the fiscal year ending 30th June, while others are not closed up till 31st December, yet it is not exceptional to have the latter printed in advance of the former. This is owing to want of care in compiling the copy, detention in the preparation of the prefatory matter and the sending out of four and five revises in page form, as well as galley proofs. Valuable parliamentary documents are printed here, such as the daily *Hansard*, without sending out even galley proofs. Why not the annual reports? Not only would there be a saving of time, but a considerable reduction in the cost.

TABLE No. 1.—Statement showing the Annual Report Work for the Session of 1891.

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English.....	3,050	250	429	101	1,700	400	100	850
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REPORT OF BOARD OF CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINERS—								
English.....	3,125	56	104	25	1,700	500	75	850
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English.....	3,400	736	1,400	340	1,700	800	50	850
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English.....	3,800	228	576	137	1,700	1,200	50	850
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English.....	3,560	60	165	40	1,700	1,000	10	850
French.....	1,205	60	45	11	425	500	5	275
INLAND REVENUE, PT. III, ADULTERA- TION OF FOOD—								
English.....	3,760	68	160	38	1,700	*1,200	10	850
French.....	1,205	70	55	14	425	*500	5	275
REPORT ON PUBLIC PRINTING AND STATIONERY—								
English.....	2,950	74	132	33	1,700	400	850
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—								
English.....	3,375	218	448	108	1,775	600	150	850
French.....	800	218	124	25	425	50	50	275
Carried forward.	48,420	7,622	10,763	2,550	23,500	11,900	920	12,100

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