and Receiver General, or any two of them, shall, within two days after the expiration of such notice, proceed to open, in presence of such of the

Opening tend- ing compensation for the same; and the said Secretary, Inspector General,

Lowest offer to be accepted.

one person shall offer lowest for Press-work and another for composition.

competitors for the work as may choose to attend, all such proposals by them received; and they shall, on careful examination and strict computation, give the contract for each of the hercinafter named branches of Public Printing to the lowest bidder therefor, who will comply with all the Proviso: when provisions of this Act; Provided, that if two or more bidders shall propose for the same contract, and the proposals of one be lower on composition, and the proposals of another be lower on press work, then the said Secre- 10 tary, Inspector General, and Receiver General, taking to their assistance a disinterested practical Printer, shall proceed to compute the same by taking as a basis the aggregate number of ems, and the aggregate number of tokens of press work, of the same kind of printing, for the last Session of the Provincial Legislature preceding; and they shall give the contract to the 15 lowest bidder under the computation aforesaid. The same person may become contractor for not more than two branches of the Public Printing, if he shall be the lowest bidder in both; but the Secretary, Inspector Security to be General, and Receiver General, shall neither receive nor consider the bid of an irresponsible bidder, and one who shall not along with his bid, tender 20 to the Executive Officers aforesaid, satisfactory assurance, subscribed by his proposed surety or sureties, that such surety or sureties will execute the bonds required by the 10th Section of this Act, shall be deemed irresponsible.

What printing subject of separate con-

required.

II. The Printing of all Bills for the two Houses of the Legislature, 25 shall form the together with such Resolutions and other matters as may be ordered by the two Houses, or either of them, to be printed in bill form, shall be let in one contract; the Printing of the Journals of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, and of such Reports, Communications, and other Documents as enter into, and make a parts of the Journals shall be 30 let in another Contract; the printing of all Reports, Communications, and other Documents that may be ordered to be printed in Pamphlet form, by the Legislature, or either branch thereof, except such as enter into and make a part of the Journals, together with the volume or volumes of Public Documents, shall be let in another separate contract; the Printing of the 35 General and Local Laws, and such joint Resolutions as may be directed by the Legislature to be printed therewith, shall be let in another separate contract, and the Printing of all Blanks and Circulars necessary for the Executive Officers of the Province, shall be let in another separate contract.

Form for Bills.

III. The Bills shall be printed in folio foolscap form, in small pica type, 40each page to contain not less than twenty-five lines of solid matter of the usual length, with a brevier blank only in each space between the lines, and in counting the composition upon bills, the same shall be measured as solid matter, and every necessary fraction of a page shall be counted as a full page; but no entire blank page shall be counted or charged for. 45

Form for Journals.

IV. The Journal shall be printed in medium octavo form, in neat long primer type, and in as close and compact order as is consistent with good workmanship, without unnecessary blank or broken pages, each page to contain as near as may be fifteen hundred ems, including head and foot lines.

Form for volumes of Reports, &c.

V. The volumes of the Public Documents, and all Reports, Communications and other documents ordered to be printed in Pamphlet form, shall be printed on the same kind of type, and the pages be of the same size as specified for the Journals in the preceding section: said documents to be printed in Pamphlet form, shall be printed in close compact order, without 55