

thirty-two pages, which covers the cost of press-work and paper, and a discount to booksellers. In this way any one who sees a blue book can procure it at a known price through any bookseller. More and more of the distribution of the House of Commons is being done at the Bureau. Mr. Boulet who attends to this has been re-transferred to the House of Commons staff, but he works at the Bureau under the direction of the Queen's Printer.

Equalization of Work.—It is scarcely possible to expect such a thing, for every one naturally seeks his own convenience, and does not feel bound to study the Printing Bureau, but one may venture to express a hope, that during the slack season, when hands have to be dismissed, a little effort may be made to look ahead, and have work put in hand without letting it accumulate until the end of the year. Ottawa is a small labour market, and when a man is dismissed he must leave the city. Then it is not possible to get him back, at once, when work comes in with a rush in the fall. There was no slack time last year, owing to the long session, but such a state of things cannot last always, and the time will come when the disagreeable duty of sending men away will have to be performed. These men cannot be got again at a day's notice when wanted for some temporary rush of work, and they cannot be kept idle at the public expense waiting for a job. There is much work which comes down during the session with the stereotyped directions "immediate," "rush," "urgent," which might as well have been done during the slack time in summer. More hands could then be kept in steady employment, and the public service would be more promptly performed by avoiding the periodical congestions of work which cause needless delay.

The whole respectfully submitted.

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