

PRINTING BRANCH.

OTTAWA, January, 1892.

To S. E. DAWSON, Esq., L. D.,
Queen's Printer, &c., &c.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit the fourth annual report of the work of the Printing Branch. The subjoined tabular statements are for the twelve months ended 31st December, and presented as follows:—

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| No. 1.—Annual Report work. | No. 6.—Departmental work. |
| No. 2.—Sessional routine work. | No. 7.— do pamphlet work. |
| No. 3.—Hansard work. | No. 8.—Bindery work. |
| No. 4.—Statute do | No. 9.—Voters' List work. |
| No. 5.—Gazette do | |

I venture the statement that no better evidence could possibly be given as to the equipment and organization of this establishment than the severe test to which it was subjected during the past year: especially so was this the case during the session of Parliament, not only a session of long duration, but unequalled for the excessively large quantity of printed matter daily supplied to the House. Last year the routine work amounted to 8,274 pages. This year the same work made 16,799 pages, or more than double the work of the former session. The night or sessional hands were formerly discharged after the prorogation; but finding that there were some 10,000 pages of manuscript—for the most part French—to place in type, their services were retained and they have been continuously employed. The inadequate accommodation afforded by the present building has been referred to in previous reports, but probably never experienced to such an extent as during the present year.

STATEMENT showing the Receipt and Delivery of the Annual Departmental Reports.

Name of Report.	Manuscript Received, 1890-91.	Report Delivered, 1890-91.	Manuscript Received, 1891-92.	Remarks.
Postmaster General.....	Aug. 25....	Mar. 16....	Oct. 6....	Only a portion of the copy.
Inland Revenue.....	Sept. 8....	Dec. 17....	do 26....	do do
Archives.....	do 8....	Jan. 13....	Dec. 16....	do do
Public Accounts.....	do 8....	do 6....	Oct. 15....	do do
Public Works.....	do 22....	do 7....		Copy not received.
Indian Affairs.....	do 26....	Feb. 25....		do
Auditor General.....	Oct. 2....	do 27....	Oct. 27....	Only a portion of the copy.
Justice.....	do 14....	Nov. 7....	Nov. 20....	do do
Civil Service List.....	do 20....	Jan. 7....		Copy not received.
Railways and Canals.....	Nov. 4....	April 2....		do
Trade and Navigation.....	do 7....	Jan. 10....	Dec. 12....	Only a portion of the copy.
Militia and Defence.....	do 18....	do 29....	Oct. 26....	do do
Fisheries.....	do 25....	Feb. 17....		Copy not received.
Marine.....	Dec. 5....	Jan. 30....		do
Interior.....	do 9....	April 24....		do
North-west Mounted Police.....	Jan. 16....	do 23....		do
Chartered Banks.....	do 19....	Feb. 16....		do
Secretary of State.....	do 30....	Mar. 6....		do
Agriculture.....	Feb. 2....	do 21....		do
Board of Civil Service Examiners.....	do 16....	do 3....		do
Steamboat Inspection.....	do 26....	Sept. 2....		do
Mortuary Statistics.....	March 4....	Aug. 24....		do
Estimates.....	April 3....	May 18....		do
Insurance Report.....	do 11....	July 27....		do
Queen's Printer's Report.....	do 18....	May 20....		do
Criminal Statistics.....	do 21....	Aug. 25....		do