

By the Hon. Mr. *Christie*:—Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Government of *Canada* and the *United States*, &c., and of all Despatches from the Home Government and Orders in Council on the subject of the Reciprocity Treaty.—The Committee recommend that the above three Returns be printed for the use of Members.

By Mr. *Street*:—Miscellaneous Statistics of *Canada*, for the year 1864.—The Committee recommend that this Document be not printed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
22nd February, 1865.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature, beg leave to submit, as their Fifth Report, the Report of their Sub-Committee on the Printing Accounts, together with the Report of the Clerk of the Committee on the Printing Services of the past year, the general satisfactory nature of which they respectfully recommend to the consideration of both Houses.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
21st February, 1865.

The Sub-Committee appointed to examine the Printing Accounts of both Houses, and to whom also was referred the Clerk's Report on the transactions of the past year, beg leave to submit the following as the result of their investigations:—

They have compared the "Printing Account Balance Sheet for 1864" with the Accounts as filed in the Accountant's Office, and find it correct. They have also examined the Printing Accounts in detail, with the Vouchers verifying the same, and have certified them to be correct.

The Sub-Committee beg to express their satisfaction with the manner and system in which the several accounts are kept. Those accounts show the total cost of the Printing, Binding and Printing Paper for the year 1864, to have been—

For the Honorable the Legislative Council.....	\$ 3,520 11
For the Legislative Assembly.....	28,581 21
Being a total for the Legislature of.....	\$32,101 32
Deducting the cost of replacing the burnt sheets.....	5,336 03
Leaves the cost of the Printing proper for 1864, at.....	\$26,765 29

With regard to that portion of the Clerk's Report, which states that the Binding has been performed in an unsatisfactory manner, the Sub-Committee beg to report that they have examined the work, and find it as stated. The Contractor also appeared before them, admitted that the work was improperly done, and was willing to accept a reduction of ten per cent. on the amount of his contract work, which is recommended for acceptance.

The Contract work amounted to.....	\$961 84
Deduction of ten per cent.....	96 18
Leaving.....	\$865 66
Cash paid on account.....	555 87

Remaining as a charge on Printing and Binding for 1865.....\$309 79
which the Sub-Committee recommend to be paid.

The Sub-Committee would also beg to draw attention to the saving effected in replacing the sheets destroyed by fire in the Bindery. They were composed principally of Departmental Reports. It tends to show that much economy might be exercised in the Printing of these Reports, especially in tabular matter, and it is again strongly recommended as a standing rule of the Joint Committee, that in all cases where practicable, one edition of tabular matter, with headings in English and French, should suffice for both languages, thus ensuring correctness, economy and despatch.