

1873, the wages which he (Mr. Taylor) had to pay was \$10 per week,—or 40 per cent. more than the rate of wages in the early part of 1869. In support of this statement, he produced, for the perusal and examination of the Committee, his pay-list from 1869 to the present date. He also said, in further support of his statement, that he was prepared to call before the Committee the Manager of his establishment, the Pay-Clerk, and several printers who were employed in his own and other printing houses in the City from 1869 to the present time.

The Committee called in and examined Mr. Green, the Manager of Mr. Taylor's establishment; Mr. R. Brewer, a printer in charge of the Pay-list in Mr Taylor's office; and Mr. Lortie, the foreman of the French compositors, and who was a printer in the office of Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co. in 1869.

Other witnesses being offered, the Committee decided that the evidence afforded by the pay-list, and the testimony of the witnesses already called, was sufficient.

COMMITTEE ROOM (No. 46).

April 7th, 1873.

Present :—Mr. Stephenson (in the Chair), Mr. Church and Mr. Wallace.

Mr. Taylor was again called before the Committee, and produced (confidentially) oral and written evidence of the loss he had sustained by his not being allowed to charge for furnishing the Departments with the copies of the Departmental Reports under his Departmental Contract, and also of his heavy loss from the unprecedented and unexpected rise which took place in the wages of printers, between the time tenders were called for and the time when he entered on his contract, and subsequently. He submitted also the following memorandum, in answer to inquiries made by the Committee at the last sitting.

(Memorandum attached.)

COMMITTEE ROOM (No. 46),

April 8th, 1873.

Present : Mr. Stephenson (in the Chair), Mr. Church, and Mr. Wallace.

The Committee met, and, after going over all the facts before them, agreed unanimously upon submitting to the Sub-Committee a statement and recommendations in the form of a Report, for the consideration of the said Sub-Committee.

D.

REPORT OF THE QUEEN'S PRINTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE.

OTTAWA, 20th January, 1873.

SIR,—With reference to the letters of Mr. I. B. Taylor, contractor for Departmental Printing, &c., of the 6th and 10th ult., asking for an increase of the prices paid him for work under his printing contracts because of the large increase in wages and the cost of labor since he tendered for and entered into that Contract, I have the honor to Report: