

press work of the volumes of Legislative Documents, and the price per thousand ems for the composition, and the price per quire for press work of Blanks and Circulars for the Executive Offices, at which the bidder is willing to take the contract bid for : and in such manner as is prescribed in this Act. The Secretary, Inspector General and Receiver General, shall publish an abstract of this law, stating distinctly each item to be bid for, the character of the work, and the mode of allowing compensation for the same ; and the said Secretary, Inspector General 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 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 hereinafter named branches of Public Printing to the lowest bidder therefor, who will comply with all the 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 Secretary, 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 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 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 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.

Abstract of this Act to be published.

Opening tenders.

Lowest offer to be accepted. Proviso ; when one person shall offer lowest for Press work and another for Composition.

Security to be required.

What printing shall form the subject of separate contracts.

Form for Bills.

II. That the Printing of all Bills for the two Houses of the Legislature, 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 part of the Journals, shall be 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 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.

III. The Bills shall be printed in folio foolscap form, in small pica type, each 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, 50