

COMMONS "HANSARD."

The revised edition of the *Hansard* was completed, with the exception of the table of contents and index, on the 10th October, or ten days after the prorogation of Parliament. The first portion of the copy of the table of contents and index was sent in on 28th October, and the printing was completed on 21st December, over two months after the close of Parliament. The *Hansard* exceeds that of last year by 874 pages, and was therefore divided into three volumes, increasing the binders' work by 700 volumes.

Repeated demands were made during the by-elections for copies of the corrected edition of the *Hansard*, and the delay in many instances was attributed to the Printing Bureau, whereas the delay was solely owing to the time occupied in the preparation of the table of contents and index. This work could be more expeditiously and satisfactorily carried out if the index was prepared daily, or as the work proceeds.

At the present time, and in accordance with the rules of the House, 1,750 copies of the daily or unrevised edition are printed for public distribution, three days are then allowed to members in which to revise their speeches. Of the edition so revised, 700 copies are printed off, and put aside to be bound up after the close of the session.

It might serve Parliament better to have 1,400 copies of the corrected edition printed and distributed to the public, and a smaller number, say, 350 copies of the daily or unrevised edition struck off for the immediate use of the House, and to serve the purpose of proofs. After the close of the session, or as soon as prepared, the table of contents and index could also be supplied to those who receive copies of the revised edition, thereby making a complete book with the exception of the binding, which could be provided for by the recipient of the sheets.

The cost of supplying the index and title-page, as compared with the present unsatisfactory distribution, would amount to about \$50.00.

The French *Hansard* was completed on the 25th January, 1892.

SENATE "HANSARD."

The copy of this work was all in type on 4th October, or five days after the session. The first copy of the index was received on 28th October, and the work completed on 13th November.