
the Printer, I can state from my own experience that he is not always, by any means, the only or the proper party on whom the responsibility should rest.

The accounts are rendered, and the charges made by all the Contractors, in accordance with their respective contracts.

The Printing Account covering nearly 1,000 items, is furnished me sheet by sheet, as the work progresses; it is thus easily and safely examined and checked by the Vouchers, composed of a fyle of the whole work performed.

I have every satisfaction in the performance of this duty.

By comparing the Balance Sheet now submitted, with that of the year before Confederation, the great extension of the Printing Services will be shown; the consumption of the paper, a sure test of the quantity of the work performed, being now 50% larger, while 3% will more than cover the increase in the total Expenditure.

I transmitted, as required by Law, to the Minister of Finance for his approval, to be laid before Parliament with the other Estimates for the year, an Estimate of the sums which would probably be required for the Printing Services of Parliament during the year commencing on the 1st July, 1872, amounting to \$35,000, subject to the approval of the Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY HARTNEY,
Clerk, Joint Committee on Printing.