

REPORT.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament beg leave to submit as their Third Report :

The Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to audit the Printing Accounts, together with the Report of the Clerk of the Committee on the Printing Services of the past year, and "The Printing Account Balance Sheet," all hereto annexed; all of which they respectfully recommend to the consideration of both Houses.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ROOM, 28th February, 1877.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, to whom was referred the Printing Accounts, together with the Balance Sheet and the Clerk's Report on the services of the past year, beg leave to report as follows:—

That they have carefully examined the Balance Sheet, and found the sums for which the Printing Services of Parliament are debited to agree with the certificate of the Auditor of warrants issued, etc. For the sums expended, accounts and vouchers in detail were furnished and examined by your Committee and found correct. The Printing Accounts were further verified by files of the work performed, with their cost, in detail, in each, a sufficient number of which your Committee examined to satisfy themselves of their correctness. They have therefore signed the Balance Sheet, certifying that the Balance Sheet and Accounts have been examined by them and found correct.

A communication from the Distributor was submitted to your Committee, stating that from the increase of the labour in the Department, an extra Sessional Messenger was necessary; the Sub-Committee having enquired into the necessity, respectfully recommend that the application be granted, and that Wm. Cairns, now doing duty temporarily, be retained sessionally.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ROOM, 27th February, 1877.

REPORT OF THE CLERK.

To the Chairman and Members of the Joint Committee on Printing:

GENTLEMEN,—

Herewith I beg to submit the Annual Balance Sheet for 1875-6, which shows the cost of the Printing Services of Parliament for that year to have been \$59,872.59.

The Accounts in detail, together with the Vouchers, and file of the work performed are ready for submission to the Audit Committee.

The several services have been satisfactorily performed during the recess, and the Contractors have evinced every desire to meet the requirements of Parliament, and, I think, very successfully.

The total cost of the Official Publication of the Debates of the House of Commons for the Session of 1876 was \$11,280.15.

I prepared an estimate of \$70,000 for the Printing Services of Parliament for the year 1876-7, being the amount voted last year, and transmitted the same to the Minister of Finance to be laid before Parliament with the other Estimates for the year; subject, however, to the approval of the Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY HARTNEY.

Clerk, Department Printing of Parliament.

COMMITTEE ROOM, February, 1877.