

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 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 having carefully examined the balance sheet, with the accounts and vouchers connected therewith, the Sub-Committee report that, as usual, all was found correct and satisfactory.

The books connected with the printing services are neatly and accurately kept, and in the opinion of the Sub-Committee, the Clerk deserves much credit for the simple and yet perfect manner in which those books are arranged and kept.

The cost of the printing services of the past year are considerably in excess of those of the preceding one. This arises from several causes, but mainly from two. First, the bonus, or advance in the printing rates of 27 per cent., made to the late contractor, and secondly, because the accounts embrace the cost of the printing services of two sessions.

The Sub-Committee beg, to draw the attention of the Committee to the paragraph in the Clerk's report respecting the postage account. It is their opinion that all public documents or printed matter mailed in the recess as well as during the sessions of Parliament, and stamped with the official seal, should pass free, but as it appears that the law as it now stands, will not permit this to be done, the Sub-Committee would recommend that the Chairman be authorized to wait upon the Postmaster General and endeavor to get this vexatious but trifling matter placed, by some means, on a more satisfactory footing.

The contracts entered into with the parties whose tenders were received and accepted last session for the Parliamentary printing, and the furnishing of the printing paper, have been examined and found correct and in accordance therewith.

With regard to the tender which was at the same time accepted for the binding, the sub-committee would beg to call attention to the correspondence which has taken place between the Clerk and Mr. *Fréchette* of the firm of *Grison, Fréchette & Co.*, whose tender was then accepted. Mr. *Fréchette*, as it appears by his letter, dated 23rd September, 1874, has severed his connection with the firm and withdrawn his claim to the contract. Mr. *Grison*, in his letter, dated 9th February, 1875, states that *Daniel J. O'Donaghue* is substituted in the firm for Mr. *Fréchette*, and that he desires that the contract may be drawn in his own name and that of *D. J. O'Donaghue*.

No contract having been yet entered into, it will be for the Committee to decide upon the desirability or justice of allowing this change.

The Clerk's report, together with the balance sheet, signed by the Sub-Committee as having been audited and found correct are appended hereto.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,
Chairman.
GEO. W. ROSS,
M. BOWELL.

COMMITTEE ROOM, 16th Feb., 1875.

REPORT OF THE CLERK.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
15th February, 1875.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I have nothing to report out of the usual routine in connection with the printing services of the past year, with the exception that the parties whose tenders last session were accepted for the printing and the furnishing of the