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The Report of Geological Investigation was laid before Parliament last Session, in manuscript, and ordered to be printed for the Sessional Papers. To ensure correctness, the printing must be revised by the officers of the Geological Department, and as they are engaged all summer in out door-work, it could not be attended to till late in the season, consequently I have only received the sheets for binding since Parliament met; thus, the issue of the volume of Sessional Papers, in which this Report had to be placed, has been delayed for several months, causing great inconvenience. I would respectfully suggest some other system should be adopted with regard to this Report.

Last Session a Resolution was passed in both Houses of Parliament, for the adjusting the salaries of their officers and servants. As the employés of the Department of Printing were taken out of the staff of each House, and made joint officers of both, and placed under the control of this Joint Committee, any adjustment in their cases must be through the action of this Committee.

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, 1873, to the amount of \$35,000, subject to the approval of the Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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