

not only be easier to effect, but will be more accurate and better in all respects than its predecessor. I could and did verify every reference so as to become responsible for the correctness of each, but it was not possible to be always sure that under each title every reference had been made which ought to be so, without an amount of labor which the time allowed did not permit, and thus it sometimes happened (as I have stated in my prefatory notice) that something which ought to have appeared under a title earlier in the alphabet, was entered under a later title either of the same import or nearly related to it. In a future edition, the same difficulty would not exist. One fact at least appears clear,—that Mr. Gamble's plan is the only one by which a Revision of the statutes can be made and the result laid before the public, between session and session. Both in Upper and Lower Canada, a large portion of the Revised Statutes had ceased to be in force before they were published.

A very small number of the old revised statutes of either portion of the Province now remain in force; about two hundred pages of the present form would hold all that remains of the public general statutes of either Upper or Lower Canada in force at the time of the Union. The whole of the public general statutes in force in either exclusively, would take about 1050 pages, the quantity of matter being about equal for Lower and for Upper Canada; while about 950 pages would hold the laws in force throughout the whole Province of Canada. I was much pleased to find the last class so large, and hope to see it further enlarged by embracing in it some or all of the subjects of Commercial Law.

As the Order of the House directed that the work should be distributed with the statutes, I felt justified in authorising its distribution in the same form and manner, and in the same number as the statutes are distributed in Upper Canada, with a proper proportion for Members of the Legislature, and Public Officers and Departments in Lower Canada. The number requisite, I was informed by the Queen's Printer, would be 6,500, and I was also informed by him that the cost of the statutes was £2 10s., per page for 8,000 copies. At this rate, the cost of 6,500 copies of the index (say 435 pages) would be about £900. This, I believe, includes composition, press-work, and paper,—but not the binding, which would, of course, cost about the same as for the statutes. I trust that the utility of the work will more than justify the expense incurred.

With respect to the remuneration to be made to Mr. Keele for his services, I had no power to name any definite rate or amount, and he was perfectly willing to leave the matter in the hands of the House. I could only assure him that he would be fairly dealt with. I now earnestly request that his remuneration may be liberal. I annex to this Report a letter from him upon the subject, every word of which I believe to be true, and for much of which I can vouch, and I again bear willing testimony to the ability and unwearied zeal and industry with which he performed the task assigned him, and rendered me the most efficient assistance in every way.

I annex an account of the moneys received from the Clerk, and the expenditure incurred by me.

Mr. Harrison I have paid in full with the funds I drew for the purpose from the Clerk. I was only sorry that his official duties prevented him from giving me further aid, and that circumstances prevented my availing myself to a greater extent of what he did for me.

As regards myself I am the servant of the House; but as I believe it is intended that I shall in some shape receive remuneration for the work, I will briefly state the facts bearing upon the question. From the beginning of 1855 to the middle of August (say 7½ months) I was fully occupied by my official duties, and I think that in that period, working as I did at least ten hours a-day, I may be said to have done a fair year's work. From that time to the end of January, 1856, with the exception of about three week's lost by the removal of the seat of