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Departmental Printing, Binding, &c.

As anticipated when my last annual report was made, the work done, and consequently its cost have been much greater in the past financial year than in that which preceded it; and, in so far as I have been able to ascertain, in consequence of the causes there indicated, viz., the gradual exhaustion of the previous stock of forms &c. on hand when the new system was begun, the more constant conformity of officials in the outside service with the rule of ordering all work to be done here by the contractor, the addition of Manitoba and British Columbia, and the Census.

The subjoined table of work done during the twelve months ending 30th June last shows how much labour has been performed:—

No. of Requisitions issued.	No. of Jobs of Work.	No. of Volumes bound, or printed, bound, &c.	No. of Impressions of Forms, printed, ruled, &c.
2,066	3,282	69,848	5,485,984

It will be seen by the tables subjoined that the cost of these services performed by the contractor for the year ending 30th June last was \$37,888.06, and with paper furnished through this office (amounting to \$2,558.91) to \$41,446.97.

The total cost of these services for the year ending October 12th, 1871 (without paper) was \$39,345.83 for ordinary work, and \$1,065.78 for confidential, making a total of \$40,411.61, as against \$27,678.66 for the previous year, or an increase of about 50 per cent.

I learn from the Stationery Office that the cost of paper and other stationery, &c. furnished through that office for the past year has also risen to \$41,197.95, making the total cost of the two \$81,609.56, as against \$47,582.62 in the year 1869-70, or an increase of \$34,026.94; but of this there is chargeable to account of census:—

Amount of printing account through this office.....	\$5,657 04
do Paper do	3,529 95
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Total.....	\$19,114 85

Thus more than one-half of the increased cost of these services is due to this work, which is rather chargeable to ten years than to one or two.

I subjoin tables similar to those appended to my report of last year, and have the honor to remain,

Sir, your very obedient humble servant,

B. CHAMBERLIN,
Queen's Printer.

Ottawa, 30th November, 1871.