

sheets of the Departmental Reports from the Bindery, and their storage in the vaults of the Parliament Buildings; thus, in this case, saving them from destruction, and avoiding a heavy pecuniary loss, as well as serious inconvenience to the Public Service. They would strongly recommend the continuance of the system.

In closing their Audit, the Sub-Committee would beg to express their gratification at the very satisfactory state of every branch of the Printing Services of Parliament, and would draw attention to the fact that those services, though enlarging as the Dominion extends, and the representation is increased, yet the expenditure is confined within the average.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. BROUSSEAU,
Chairman.

J. S. SANBORN, Senator.
M. M. GIRARD, "
JAMES YOUNG, M.P.
M. BOWELL, M.P.
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J. FERGUSON, Senator.

REPORT OF THE CLERK.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
15th April, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit the Parliamentary Printing Account Annual Balance Sheet, which shows the cost of the Printing Services of Parliament for the Fiscal year ended the 30th June, 1871, to have been \$31,186.27.

I also beg to submit the several Books and Accounts, which, with the vouchers for the verification of the same, numbered from 1 to 963, are ready for the Audit.

The Binding contract has been transferred to Mr. *Alexander Mortimer*, he having furnished the requisite Securities, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the 5th Report of the Committee of last Session.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Ontario* transmitted copies of their Journals and Sessional Papers for distribution among the Elected Members representing that Province in the Dominion Parliament.

I have to report the destruction by fire, on the night of the 2nd March last, of the premises occupied as a Bindery by the Parliamentary Binder,—the loss amounting to \$991.82 was covered by Insurance in the Provincial and Hartford Companies; it was promptly paid, and the money deposited to the credit of Printing Services. Fortunately it had been deemed advisable, from time to time, as the printed sheets of the Departmental Reports were folded in the Bindery, to remove them to the Vaults of the Parliament Buildings for their better security; otherwise not only a heavy pecuniary loss would have been sustained, but great inconvenience must have ensued from the impossibility of replacing them for the Session.

The several Contractors have, during the Recess, carried out their respective Contracts satisfactorily.

The Paper has been furnished, as required, in good order. The Binding is very creditable, and will bear favorable comparison with that of any of the preceding Contractors. I may safely say the same of the work performed by the Contractor for the Printing. Some annoyance was experienced last Session from delays, but such arrangements have been made for this Session as, I hope, will obviate, as far as possible, this drawback. Often when delays do take place, though the fault is invariably attributed to