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REPORT  
OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1871.

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*To His Excellency the Right Honorable LORD LISGAR, Governor General of  
Canada, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

I have the honor to lay before Your Excellency the Annual Report of my Department for the year ending 30th June, 1871.

The number of letters received and answered in the different Branches of the Department during the year 1870-71, amounts to 9,444, exclusive of letters of simple acknowledgment of receipt, divided as follows :—Corresponding and Ordnance Lands Branches, 7,515 ; Queen's Printer Branch, 1,325 ; Dominion Lands Branch, 104, the latter embracing four months only, from March (when it was established) to July, 1871.

It was only in the course of October, 1870, that arrangements were made for the management of the lands of the Estate of the Bank of Upper Canada, which devolves upon this Department.

The object had in view by the Government in assuming the charge of this Estate, that is to say, economy in the management and a speedy settlement of its affairs, have not been lost sight of. To attain the first of these objects, the previous local staff of this unfortunate enterprise had been dispensed with, C. Gamble, Esq., of Toronto, long