
Maximum number of Reports to be ordered by each Department for Free Distribution.

Order in Council, January 19, 1893.—On a report dated January 16, 1893, from the Minister of Finance, stating that by Order in Council, dated May 26, 1886, authority was given for placing on sale by the Queen's Printer, copies of public documents, other than those distributed officially to the Houses of Parliament and the departments, that in accordance with this order a circular was sent to the various departments requesting them to order only such copies as they absolutely needed for official purposes, and due arrangements were made by the Queen's Printer for advertising and supplying copies to the public.

The Minister finds that the number required for parliamentary inside and outside distribution is as to most of the departmental reports 1,800 copies of each, and as to five of the most important 2,050 each. The numbers ordered by the different departments for their own distribution vary from 315 to 10,000.

The Minister is of opinion that it is desirable to secure greater uniformity and economy in the orders from the various departments, and that the number ordered by each should be based on the call for necessary distribution.

The Minister therefore recommends that each department be authorized to order within his discretion for its own distribution, copies of its reports not to exceed a maximum of 500 copies of each report, and that the Queen's Printer be authorized to reserve for purposes of sale such number of the departmental reports and to arrange for their sale in such manner as may be deemed advisable by the Secretary of State.

The Committee submit the same for Your Excellency's approval.

JOHN J. MCGEE, C.P.C.

Order in Council, November 18, 1893.—That the annual reports of the Historical-Archives Division of the Department of Agriculture, forming one of the appendices to the annual report of the Minister of Agriculture, be excepted as respects the number of copies printed, from the terms of the General Order in Council, dated January 19 last, limiting the number of Departmental Reports to 500 copies each.

JOHN J. MCGEE, C.P.C.

Order in Council, June 16, 1894.—That the printing of the Year Book and Statistical Abstract for the Department of Agriculture, be excepted from the provisions of the General Order in Council, dated January 19, 1893, relating to the printing of the departments.

That authority be given for the printing of 2,400 copies in English, 750 copies in French, to meet the demands for distribution.

JOHN J. MCGEE, C.P.C.

Order in Council, November 27, 1896.—The Committee, on the recommendation of the Minister of Finance, advise that the Order in Council of January 19, 1893, limiting the number of reports of the different departments, be amended so far as the report of the Auditor General is concerned, and as to the number which is to be received by the Audit Office for distribution, by making the number 2,000 instead of 500 of this year's and subsequent reports.

JOHN J. MCGEE, C.P.C.