

The number of vouchers for 1870-71, commencing on the 23rd day of June, 1870, and closing on the 3rd day of October, 1871, was	1,000
Deduct number sent in before House opened	165
	835
Total number of vouchers for Sessional work	835
The number of vouchers for 1871-72, commencing on the 30th day of November, 1871, and closing on the 19th day of November, 1872, was	1,208
Deduct number sent in before House opened	77
	1,131
Total number of vouchers for Sessional work	1,131

RECAPITULATION.

Total of vouchers for the work of 1870-71, as compared with those for 1871-72:—

For the year 1872	1,131
“ 1871	835
	296
Excess of '72 over '71	296

The time consumed in the execution of the work in 1871, from the opening of the Session till the last voucher was delivered, was seven months and eighteen days; while that of 1872 was accomplished in seven months and eight days. Thus the work of 1872 was performed in ten days' less time than that of 1871, although 296 more vouchers were sent in in 1872 than in 1871, or more than 35 per cent.

The total value of work executed in the corresponding periods of each year stood as follows:—

From February 15th to October 4th, 1872.....	\$18,657 78
“ “ “ 1871.....	13,774 13
	\$ 4,883 65
Excess of '72 over '71	\$ 4,883 65

There was a delay of five months in the printing of the Senate Journals, caused by circumstances not under the contractor's control. The Journals proper were ready for the binder on the 30th of July, while the Index, which forms a part of the volume, was not ready until the 4th day of January, 1873.

Particular care is now taken that copies of English documents do not get to the translator until they are perfect, as on two occasions last session there was confusion and delay, caused by the translators getting advance copies of documents before they were perfect. I refer to Bill B. of the Senate and the Estimates, both of which had to be “re-set” from this cause.

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ARGUMENT IN COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH.

TAYLOR vs. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

THURSDAY, February 13th, 1873.

This was a special case heard this day before the Hon. Chief Justice, Hon. Mr. Justice Morrison and the Hon. Mr. Justice Wilson. It arose out of a claim for work done by Mr. I. B. Taylor, the plaintiff, for the Postmaster General, the defendant, under the circumstances therein set forth.