

The different works on the subject, published by this valuable officer, give evidence of his profound knowledge of all matters connected with it. The duties performed in this department are numerous, and of a special nature—relating, as they do, more particularly to the regulation of individual interests by means of Legislative intervention. To Mr. Todd is, also, intrusted the direction of the working of all the committees, which, in itself, is a most arduous duty. Mr. T. Patrick, the well-known Clerk of the Railway Committee, is highly appreciated by those who have conferred upon our country its magnificent iron roads. Messrs. Blanchet and Panet are, likewise, highly useful in this department—to which they are attached.

Printing Department.

Mr. Hartney, the chief of this department, is a man among many, and a most valuable officer. He, and he only, has successfully carried out all the economy effected in this branch of the service. We may cite one fact in support of this assertion. We quote from Appendix No. 1, to the Journals of 1864 :

From January 1856, to January 1860, the Legislative printing cost.....	\$608,104 15
From January 1860, to January 1864, the same printing cost only.....	122,136 44
Saving effected in four years.....	\$485,967 71

The saving effected in the stationery furnished to the House is as follows :—

From 1861 to 1863 the stationery cost.....	\$42,778 80
From 1864 to 1866 it cost only.....	19,592 91
Saving effected	\$23,185 85
Showing a saving in each session of	5,185 47

Let us note that this reform is entirely due to Mr. Hartney without the intervention of the Printing Committee.

This fact once more demonstrates that to effect real economy the only means to be adopted is to have zealous officers and therefore well paid officers.

The general report of the Printing Committee of the present session states in so many words “to Mr. Hartney this reform is principally due.”

Mr. Sloane, attached to this department, manages the distribution of the stationery with zeal and the strictest economy.

General Department.

This department is composed of copying clerks; in it are prepared copies of documents &c, entailing a very considerable amount of labour.

Controverted Elections.

A most important branch in the service of the House. The correct performance of the duties of clerk of the Controverted Elections Committee requires great discretion, a profound knowledge of law and especially of that relating to the subject under consideration; to those who know Mr. Leprohon it will be quite needless to say that he is possessed of all the qualifications required of the sub-chief of such a department.

Journals and Votes and Proceedings.

The work done in these departments, which we have placed under the same heading, is very various and complicated. Messrs. Ross and Rivet prepare the Journals in both languages, a duty which entails upon them a vast amount of work to discharge it in the effectual and satisfactory manner in which they do; in the Journal Office also, are indexed and kept for the ready reference of Members during the session in which they are presented, all returns to addresses and documents laid before the House. Here, also, all petitions are endorsed and entered in books kept for the purpose. Messrs. Ross and Rivet