

Of these, there were bound together for the use of Members of the Government, of the two Houses of Parliament, and of the Judges, &c., 3,400 copies of the English edition, and 1,249 of the French, making 5,649 in all, leaving to be separately bound

Vol. 1, English.....	14,350	
“ 2, “ .....	250	
“ 2, “ in sheets folded and gathered.....	350	
		——— 14,950
Vol. 1, French.....	3,251	
“ 2, “ .....	1	
		——— 3,252
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Thus making 17,852 bound volumes, and 350 copies in sheets of volume 2.

The complete volume was an unusually large one,—comprising 749 pages in all—as against 412 pages in 1881 and 581 in 1880.

The cost was as follows:—

For paper.. .....	\$4,443	31
“ printing.....	1,567	53
“ translation and revision of Order in Council.....	170	75
“ binding.....	3,066	71
“ distribution.....	*903	80
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	\$10,151	10

I refer to the annual statutory return in triplicate for particulars respecting the distribution. The gratis distribution was, under Orders in Council of 11th November, 1882, considerably curtailed, and the sales have somewhat increased.

DEPARTMENTAL PRINTING, BINDING, &c.

I refer you to the tables appended for the cost of these services, which have so largely increased as to call for additional assistance in the performance of the work of the office. The numbers of requisitions issued during the year were as follows:—

On the printing contractor.....	2,902
“ binding “ .....	1,659
“ stationery office.....	3,345
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Or a total of.....	7,909

This is more than 400 greater than in the previous year, about 900 greater than during 1879-80.

It will be seen that the cost of printing under the contract has only increased from \$51,510.47 to \$53,217.78: that for work done by others than contractors, but audited in this office however, has risen from \$13,493.83 to \$43,006.73, and for the

\* This is exclusive of packing cases heretofore included, but this year furnished by the Public Works Department.