

editor of any typographical journal, no matter how learned he might be in his profession. It has been truly said that no two persons have the same ideas, and very few of us are blest with the natural gift of originality in its greatest perfection. We are all, at best, merely imitators: but to be able to imitate well is, in itself, a very useful and valuable gift.

While we would be pleased to receive any specially well "worked out" job, and would be willing to give our humble opinion of it, when requested to do so, still, having no knowledge of the circumstances attending its production, we, as a general rule, would feel a delicacy of entering upon the task, lest the feelings and social standing of the producer might be unnecessarily moved and marred by our honest, but unjust, conceptions of what the job should be like. We leave the subject to our readers, merely adding that, in our opinion, this matter could be arranged satisfactorily to all by a little discussion. Our columns are open for letters on this subject, and all are welcome to use them.

Printing in Canada in 1871.

Below will be found an exhibit of the state of the printing trade in the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in 1871, compiled from the official census returns of the Dominion of Canada. These tables will be found very useful for comparative purposes, more especially when the next census is taken. It will then be seen what rapid strides this young Dominion has made in the march of improvement and growth. The figures for Nova Scotia are first presented, as it is the oldest province of the two:—

NOVA SCOTIA.

Places.	No. of Printers.	No. of P. Offices.	No. of Hands employed.		Yearly Wages.	Value of Raw Material.	Value of Articles Produced.
			M	F			
Hants.	4	1	4	1	\$ 800	\$ 400	\$ 2,000
King's.	2	1	3	1	750	270	1,300
Annapolis.	1	1	2	1	350	150	1,200
Halifax.	17	2	11	2	2,960	2,000	10,000
Yarmouth.	3	1	5	1	1,100	700	3,000
Queen's.	2	1	3	1	800	400	2,600
Lunenburg.	3	1	4	1	1,000	500	3,000
Halifax, w.	120	12	100	1	30,650	123,800	280,000
Halifax, e.	6	1	4	1	1,700	515	2,400
Cumberland.	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Colchester.	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Petou.	17	3	15	1	3,200	1,750	6,000
Antigonish.	2	1	3	1	1,000	400	2,000
Guysborough.	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Cape Breton.	5	1	4	1	700	350	1,000
Richmond.	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....
<b>Total.</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>80,040</b>	<b>130,735</b>	<b>321,400</b>

Note.—The letters e and w are used to designate the census districts as laid down in the official returns, described as east and west.

There are only thirty-seven males, and no females returned as being under sixteen years of age. As before remarked, this is owing to the large number of country offices, where boy labor is principally employed. Halifax had eighteen of them, which is not quite one-half, while the same city has one hundred and twenty printers, which is more than one-half returned for the whole province.

Annexed is the statement for New Brunswick, which was the youngest and last member of the Dominion at the time the census was taken:—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Places.	No. of Printers.	No. of P. Offices.	No. of Hands employed.		Yearly Wages.	Value of Raw Material.	Value of Articles Produced.
			M	F			
St. John.	91	9	140	9	\$53,290	\$45,071	\$138,040
Charlotte.	12	10	10	2	2,398	1,500	8,890
Yark.	17	20	20	2	6,740	4,103	10,550
Carlton.	4	1	1	1	1,200	1,200	0,000
Northumberland.	6	5	5	1	1,000	1,000	4,200
Westmorland.	11	5	10	.....	5,450	2,840	14,100
<b>Total.</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>72,087</b>	<b>56,468</b>	<b>190,690</b>

St. John returns ninety-one printers, or considerably more than one-half of the number for the whole province. There are thirty-five males and one female put down as being under sixteen years of age. Of these St. John had twenty-six.

Taking these tables in connection with those previously published in these pages, it will be found that the total number of printers and printing offices, as well as the number employed in the printing business throughout the Dominion, are as follows:—

	Ont.	Que.	N. S.	N. B.	Totals
Printers.....	157	782	191	157	2701
Printing Offices.....	191	68	25	24	308
Hands employed—					
Males over sixteen,	1301	784	213	172	2470
"  under "	12	93	2	12	229
Females over sixteen,	361	301	37	35	734
"  under "	6	63	.....	1	64

Giving a total of six thousand one hundred and ninety-eight persons engaged in the printing business; while by a reference to the following tables it will be seen that there is no inconsiderable amount of capital invested. The totals for the different provinces are as follows:—

	Yearly Wages.	Value of Raw Material.	Value of Articles Produced.
Ontario.....	\$666,307	\$674,948	\$1,907,067
Quebec.....	374,473	303,118	998,045
Nova Scotia.	80,040	130,755	324,400
New Brunswick,	72,687	56,468	190,690
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>\$1,194,012</b>	<b>\$1,165,229</b>	<b>\$3,420,202</b>

These figures will, no doubt, be doubled at least by the time the next census is taken, which