

APPENDIX C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
 STATIONERY OFFICE BRANCH,
 OTTAWA, December 31st, 1873.

SIR,—In accordance with your instructions, I have the honor to report that the demand for goods from this office during the past half year, shows a large increase over that of any former corresponding period, the value of goods issued amounting to

to \$25,547 75
 And for the same period in 1872..... 17,750 81

Increase..... \$7,796 94

The expenditure for goods during the half year has been..... \$24,749 82
 And in 1872..... 19,195 48

Increase..... \$5,554 34

The business of the past half year has, however, been in some respects exceptional, and does not afford a fair comparison, as although the demand for nearly all classes of goods has been unusually great, some of the Departments have had a supply of paper for forms, books, &c., for twelve months, so that it is hoped the expenditure for the whole year will not greatly exceed the estimate. But that a comparison may be made and the utility of the Office as a source of supply seen, I beg to submit a statement of the accounts of expenditure and issue of goods from the opening of the office to this date, the aggregates being :—

	Goods Issued	Profits.	Expenditure
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
May, 1869, to June, 1870, 14 months, 1869-70.....	19,903 96	553 40	29,900 56
July, 1870, to ,, 1871, 12 ,, 1870-71	41,197 95	917 49	40,122 91
,, 1871, to ,, 1872, 12 ,, 1871-72.....	31,635 96	923 07	31,163 22
,, 1872, to ,, 1873, 12 ,, 1872-73	37,941 07	1,431 45	39,168 08
,, to December, 1873, 6 ,, 1873.....	25,547 75		24,749 82
Balance, Goods in Stock.....	12,703 31		3,825 41
	168,930 00		168,930 00