

PRINTING HAS BEEN PERFORMED, to arrive at the exact amount paid by the Province for that purpose; but that the sum is very large, and has not varied to any great extent since 1867 in the prices charged.

Your Committee wish to call attention to the fact that thus far in their researches they find \$26,682.50 has been paid out the last year for this service, yet the Financial Returns laid upon the table of the House show only a cost of Six Thousand Four Hundred and Sixteen Dollars (\$6,416)

While referring to the **INFERIOR QUALITY OF THE WORK** done in some cases, we cannot but seriously invite the attention of the Legislature to the **ENORMOUS PRICES CHARGED** for this service as shown by the tabulated statement hereto annexed marked A, which has been carefully compiled:

(Signed)

A. LONGLEY,
W. A. PATTERSON,
J. M. MACK,
D. McCURDY,
D. B. WOODWORTH,
A. PUTNAM,
A. GAYTON.

A.

Public Documents.	PRINTERS	Mean estimated cost.	Actual Cost.
2,400 Copies....	Cit. Pub. Com.	\$186 00	\$11 000
2,000 "	"	219 00	550 00
2,000 "	"	178 00	500 00
500 "	"	48 00	150 00
200 "	Chas. Annand	36 00	150 00
4,000 "	Cit. Pub. Com.	332 00	1200 00
6 issues, 2,400 ea		566 00	1200 00

	Barnes' Estimate.	
Envelopes for Examination	5 00	10 00
Papers, per M.		
1,500 Forms Oath of Teachers	6 00	20 00
50 Teachers' Certificates	4 00	10 00
62½ qrs. half-yearly Report.	31 25	10 00
31 Forms Questions A. B. C.		
D. E.	93 00	178 00
42 qrs. Standard Examination		
Grade C. D.	30 00	42 00
200 Deputy Examiners	3 00	8 00
25 qrs. Rules Examiners		
25 " Candidates Certfca.	20 00	40 00
300 Journal House of As'ly	1166 00	1696 00
255 " Legislative Council	254 00	1122 00
3,000 Copies H. S., (4th series) ..	430 00	6936 00

This is the most specific and crushing conviction of swindling and robbery ever recorded against any body of men. It not only exposes and condemns the whole system, giving the names of the swindlers, but gives particular acts of dishonesty, showing who committed them, and the amount of dishonest gains bagged in each case by the offending parties. Here, in the first seven items, Messrs. Annand and Vail are convicted in these items alone, of having cheated the Provincial Treasury, of which they were the sworn custodians, out of OVER THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS!! In the last item—the printing of the Revised Statutes—the Messrs. Annand are convicted of having dishonestly obtained over TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS! Thus, in the printing of the very book that provides for the punishment of criminals, these persons deliberately committed an offence as base and brazen as any which its statutory force was meant to prevent. These facts, it will be seen, conclusively place this scandal on an entirely different footing from ordinary political charges. In the first place, the charges are brought home to the parties charged with remarkable directness and conclusiveness. In the next place, the conviction is UNANIMOUS, by a Parliamentary Committee composed of both parties, after full investigation and enquiry. Lastly, the charges have never been attempted to be denied even by the parties themselves.

It will be noticed, however, that the committee were "unable, owing to the pernicious system," to discover the full amount that Messrs. Annand, Vail, and Blackadar had bled the Province. They found, however, that in 1874, although the public returns only showed \$6,416 as paid for public printing, that Messrs. Annand, Vail and Blackadar had actually received during that year no less than \$26,582!! It is a quite reasonable supposition that, considering the departments from which they were unable to obtain any or full reports, that there could not have been less than \$30,000 bagged by these men during that one year.

The average of overcharge is shown to be at least 200 per cent., which would make their dishonest gains TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PER ANNUM!! These practices having continued from 1867 to the middle of 1876, the people of Nova Scotia can thus easily calcu-