

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. There are six judges holding offices there, and the department of the registrar is a regular department. Three messengers are fully employed.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) It seems to me there used to be only one messenger there. I do not say that I think three messengers are too many. But I think there used to be only one, Mr. Curran.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. He was the only one seen, perhaps. He ranks as the crier of the court. But the other two were in attendance.

Contingencies and disbursements,
Judge's travelling expenses; also
salaries of officers (sheriff,
registrar as editor and publisher
of reports, usher, etc.), and \$300
for books for Judges..... \$3,500

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) Is there any statement published showing the returns from the sales of reports? I looked very carefully, but I could not find any. It seems to me, from the number of members of the profession who take these reports, that these returns should be pretty large.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. I think these figures must appear in the Auditor's Report. The receipts are large. The sales depend a good deal upon subscription, and there is a considerable sale also through Carswell & Co. In the province of Ontario the Law Society subscribed for, I think, several hundred copies—at any rate a very large number—and they get them at a reduced rate and distribute them amongst the members of the profession in return for their annual subscriptions.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) The Law Society, then, obtains these reports at a reduced figure?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. All dealers get them at a reduced figure, and the Law Society get them at still lower rates on account of the large quantity they take.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) Is the same open to the law societies of the Maritime Provinces?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. They do not subscribe. Individual members take these reports.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) I am personally aware of that fact.

Mr. DALY. In the Auditor General's Report, at page 212, the hon. gentleman will find the statement of receipts:

Stationers at 20 per cent discount—Cars-	
well & Co., 989 vols., 30 parts.....	\$ 2,211 60
Less accounted for 1893-94.....	1,126 31
	\$1,085 29

Mr. McMULLEN.

Then follows a number of details of sales amounting to \$1,794.34.

Mr. LISTER. I think that in the province of Ontario the way of distributing these reports is this—every lawyer has to pay a certain annual fee, \$17 or \$19, to the law society, and for this he gets all the provincial reports and also the Supreme Court reports.

Printing, binding and distributing
the Supreme Court reports..... \$2,750

Mr. FORBES. Where are these distributed?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. They are for sale. A certain proportion are distributed. A certain number of these reports are bound, so that those desiring to get them in that form can get them. Generally speaking, they are issued in parts. For the regular subscribers the reports are issued in parts, but anybody who is desirous of buying bound copies can get them.

Mr. FORBES. Then there is a credit against this expenditure?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. There is a stock on hand worth, I should say, over \$10,000.

Mr. FORBES. But there is also an annual receipt?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. Yes.

Mr. McMULLEN. Where is the printing and binding done?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. The printing is done in the Bureau and the binding by the contractor.

For the purchase of law books and
works of reference for the
Supreme Court Library..... \$4,000

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. This may or may not be required, but I notice that the hon. gentleman is asking for \$1,500 more than last year. We have been paying hitherto \$2,500 for this purpose. It appears to me that that ought to have supplied that library tolerably well with the law books required.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) I call the hon. gentleman's attention to the fact that for printing and distributing the reports we pay \$2,750, and that our receipts were \$1,000 less, or \$1,750. I should think, from the prices charged for these reports, that this service should be nearly self-sustaining. That it is not would seem to me to indicate that there is something wrong. I have forgotten exactly the figure members of the profession have to pay for those reports.

Mr. FORBES. Five dollars for the bound copy and four dollars for the unbound.