

Battleford and Carleton, 29 at Swan River and small parties at Shoal Lake, Qu'Appelle and Beautiful River; in all, 309 men, 26 officers, and 237 horses. The expenditure for the fiscal year was \$308,571. The crops of the Police at Swan River were totally destroyed by grasshoppers and their ravages also caused a scarcity of hay. The liquor traffic is entirely suppressed, and a number of Americans have crossed the border and settled around Fort MacLeod. The customs duties for ten months to the 31st October were \$16,324. Over 20,000 buffalo robes were shipped from the forts. There is also a settlement at Cypress Hills, and customs collections made there by the Police in nine months amounted to \$5,784. From these settlements the U. S. Government obtain almost exclusively their supplies of pemmican for the North West.

#### GOVERNMENT STATIONERY.

During the fiscal year the value of goods issued on demand to the departments was.....\$13,941 21

To the outside service..... 14,131 09  
To Queen's Printer ..... 28,460 75

\$56,533.00

and for the remaining half year of 1876, \$28,890; and there was on hand at the close of the year stock to the value of \$17,569. The increased demand over the preceding year was \$6,065, wholly due to an increased consumption as prices were lower. The increased issue for paper for forms, &c., amounted to \$5,824. The waste paper collected from the various departments was very much reduced both in quantity and price, being only 20,000 lbs. against 42,000 the preceding year, and the price having been reduced from \$1.50 to 62½ cents per pound.

#### QUEEN'S PRINTER'S OFFICE.

The *Canada Gazette* again shows a deficit, the expenditure for the fiscal year being \$3,662.89, and the revenue \$846.18. On the last Saturday of the year the number issued was 1,137, of which 1,049 were gratis.

Twenty-two thousand five hundred copies of Volume I. of the STATUTES, containing the Public and General Acts, Orders in Council, &c., were printed—18,000 in English and 4,500 in French. Of Volume II., containing Local and Private Acts, 6,000 English copies and 2,000 French were printed. Over 7,000 of these were bound two volumes in one, and the others separately, making about 23,000 bound volumes, at a cost of \$10,023, or an average of 43½ cents a volume. The cost of Departmental printing and binding largely increased. The number of requisitions during the year were 5,767 against 4,500 the previous year. This increase is ascribed partly to the growth of the country and increased business, partly to concentration of business at the Capital, and partly from the setting in operation recent Postal Conventions, Inspection Act, &c. By Order in Council of December, 1875, the Superintendence of Government Advertising in Newspapers was added to the duties of the Queen's Printer. The amount of this advertising during 1876, in the several Provinces, was:

P. E. Island.....	\$ 33 70
Nova Scotia.....	1,440 94
New Brunswick.....	1,392 53
Quebec.....	3,329 17
Ontario.....	5,751 81
Manitoba.....	156 04
B. Columbia.....	51 70
And in United States..	373 38

Total.....\$12,529 27

The cost of Departmental printing for the year was \$33,356 for ordinary printing, and \$3,353 for confidential. The printing done by other than the Government Printers and sent for audit to the Queen's Printer amounted to \$12,374.

In the REGISTRAR'S BRANCH of the Department, 2,531 documents were engrossed or recorded, and 1,739 pages of copies made.

One thousand four hundred and sixty-nine letters were received by the Department, and 2,630 sent from it; and between 5,000 and 6,000 reports renewed, applications, &c., received.

## Public Works of Dominion.

#### CANALS.

On the *St. Lawrence* navigation from Straits of Belle Isle to the head of Lake Superior, a distance of 2,384 statute miles, there are 70.83 miles of canal, having 54 locks with a total lockage of 536½ feet. The first of the series of canals is the *Lachine*, 966 miles from Belle Isle. The old works on this canal were kept in good repair during the year 1876, and the extensive new works largely advanced. When finished, the canal will have a depth of 18 feet throughout its entire length, with new entrances at Lachine, Montreal, giving great additional harbour accommodation.

The *Beauharnois* Canal, 15½ miles from the Lachine on the south side of the St. Lawrence, connects Lakes St. Louis and St. Francis. It is 11½ miles long—with 9 locks—9 feet deep and 80 wide at bottom. All parts of it were put in thorough repair. Traffic was once interrupted during the year for 129 hours—otherwise it was uninterrupted from 1st May to 25th November.

The *Cornwall* Canal, 32½ miles from the Beauharnois, is 11½ miles long, 9 feet deep and 100 feet broad, with 7 locks and a rise of 48 feet. Only a few repairs were required, but a line for enlargement was surveyed and entrance to the harbour located.