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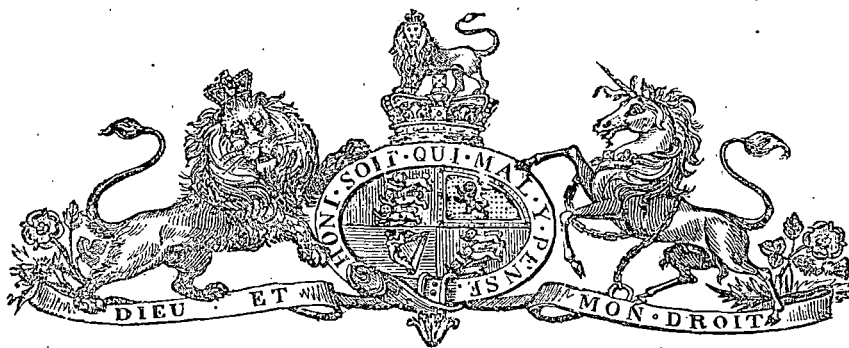
T A S M A N I A.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

R E T U R N.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, August 15, 1872.



RETURN showing the Names and Duties of all Persons employed in the GOVERNMENT PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT, with the Wages and Emoluments received by each, during the Year 1871.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Duties.</i>	<i>Rate of Weekly Wages.</i>	<i>Total paid in 1871.</i>
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
William T. Strutt	Foreman	4 10 0	234 0 0
William Grahame	Compositor and Reader	3 3 0	167 10 8
James Hogg	Compositor	ditto	167 0 2
Edward Marsden	ditto	ditto	153 10 8
Humphrey Pratt	ditto	ditto	162 9 2
Henry James Cox	ditto	3 0 0	157 7 1
Charles Grahame	ditto	ditto	158 12 10
Alfred Smallhorn	ditto	ditto	156 6 3½
Thomas Willison	ditto	2 15 0	143 6 6
William Cook	ditto	1s. per hour	129 14 6
George Harvey	ditto	ditto	124 0 6
James Allen	ditto	ditto	45 19 0
George Luckman	ditto	ditto	23 4 0
Edward Thomas	ditto	2 2 0	108 0 0
Henry Brand	ditto	ditto	13 6 6
John Pratt	ditto	ditto	34 13 9
James Pratt	ditto	ditto	3 13 6
William Lavelle	ditto	1 16 0	20 5 8
Thomas Bakewell	ditto	ditto	18 0 0
Frederick Furley	ditto	ditto	5 10 8
Joseph Abbott	ditto	ditto	92 6 1½
John Doran	ditto	1 0 0	51 17 10½
George Jordan	Pressman and Machine	2 10 0	116 6 10
Richard King	ditto	2 5 0	112 1 8
Alexander Ross ..	Pressman	2 2 0	109 5 6
Charles Needham	Engine and Machine	0 17 0	43 2 6
Richard Hollings	Bookbinder	3 3 0	163 13 8
Richard Chick	ditto	2 2 0	94 10 0
Frederick Fowler	ditto	1 1 0	47 13 0
Sarah Hollings	Booksewer	0 15 0	39 0 0
Jane Hollings	ditto	0 15 0	0 15 0
James Abbott	Warehouseman	1 15 0	87 6 2
William Lisbey	Reading Boy	0 9 6	20 10 0
Robert Eckford	ditto	0 5 0	0 16 8
William T. Grahame	ditto	0 7 0	2 9 0
Henry Paul	Perforator	0 7 0	6 6 0
			£3014 11 5½

REMARKS.

1. Mr. Strutt was appointed Foreman in 1863, on the then Overseer (having a salary of £400 a year, the result of classification) being reduced on pension. Since that date the salary of Overseer has disappeared from the Estimates, and the Foreman has been borne on the Wages Abstract.

2. There are no emoluments whatever beyond the fixed wages: but wages are paid for all gazetted holidays when the Offices are closed by His Excellency's command.

3. The excess upon the year in each case represents the overtime paid for night-work at the respective rates per hour, over and above the ordinary day's work of nine hours. Out of Session the working hours are, generally, reduced to *eight* instead of *nine*, without alteration of pay; but at any moment of pressure of work the longer hours are again resorted to, as a matter of course, to meet the exigency.

4. As a rule of the Office, only the actual time employed is paid for, deductions for absence from work being made in all but one or two recognized instances,—viz., marriages, and funerals of relatives.

5. The Office is closed earlier on Saturday afternoons; and for this privilege no overtime is allowed for the later hours which almost invariably occur on Monday nights in the publication of the *Gazette*.

6. During the recess, Mr. Chick, the Messenger to the House of Assembly, a Book-binder, is employed at the Parliamentary Buildings in binding books, periodicals, and newspapers for the Library of Parliament, as well as the records for the Colonial Secretary's Office; and his pay is borne upon the Wages Abstract of the Government Printing Office.

7. The Compositors receiving the higher rates of pay have been from 10 to 20 years in the Office; but the tendency during the last 6 or 8 years has been to a decline in wages, in consonance with the ordinary economic law of demand and supply. About £2 2s. may be taken as the present ruling standard for Compositors in making fresh engagements. Hence I may explain my principle of action, which is, not to disturb existing agreements, but to supply vacancies as they occur at the current reduced rates. The printing at the Government Printing Office is, for the most part, table-matter and other high-class work, demanding both intelligence and skill in its proper execution; and its Compositors have been gradually trained to efficiency by their lengthened experience.

J. BARNARD, *Government Printer*.

14th August, 1872.