

The number of sheets or sections of originals which has passed through the office is 1,527, and from these were produced no less than 1,723 transfers; independently of which a considerable number of photographs of various subjects has been taken and silver prints issued.

The number of photo-lithographs printed has been 488,193; the sizes varying from royal octavo to 4 feet by 3 feet.

The cost of the department has been £1,964 5s. 8d.; an average shows the annual cost about £605. Less than half the cost should be counted against the department of Public Works.

I can see no way of calculating the saving the department has been to the Government. If you calculate what would have been the cost of direct lithography, or of making hand transfers, the figures would amount to an absurd sum, and then be wrong; for I do a large amount of work that would not be done at all, although most useful, but for the fact of the transfers costing little or nothing. Then the saving of time is much, and the ease with which I can reduce subjects is something; and again, by reducing in size, I get several subjects on one stone, and so save in printing and paper. I think it impossible to calculate the saving.

The work done for other departments than the Public Works consists of plans attached to patent specifications, Native deeds and plans, geological plans, drawings, specimens, fossils, &c., maps and illustrations for reports, debentures, postal and railway tables, charts of soundings, plans for Provincial Governments, and a general assortment of miscellaneous things.

A modification of Osborne's process is used in working; and this method, discovered and worked out by me, has been of service in enabling the work which has crowded on the office to be done without increasing the staff.

I have, &c.,

The Government Printer, Wellington.

HERBERT DEVERIL, in charge.

Sub-Enclosure 1 in No. 2.

TABLE showing AMOUNT of PHOTO-LITHOGRAPHIC WORK done for the various Departments from the end of May, 1873, to 30th June, 1876.

Departments.	Number of Sheets or Sections of Originals.	Number of Negatives.	Square Inches of Glass covered by Photographs.	Number of Transfers.	Number of Photographs Printed.
Public Works	845	573	134,826	1,004	173,590
Geological and Museum	113	93	11,071	101	61,644
Patent Office... ..	281	136	21,624	140	100,500
Native Department	78	93	17,806	105	65,600
Premier's Office	17	15	2,800	20	13,100
Marine	39	43	9,746	56	22,455
Colonial Architect	36	125	31,824	134	1,530
Postal Department	11	7	930	39	4,800
Colonial Secretary	24	21	3,000	13	5,060
Crown Lands	19	24	5,054	29	11,590
Telegraph	10	13	2,918	13	11,500
Printing Office	1	2	308	2	150
Treasury	1	5	872	5	500
Defence Office	10	2	410	2	1,400
Inspector of Surveys	9	14	3,164	16	1,500
Registrar-General	1	1	256	1	100
Justice	2	2	168	2	1,000
Civil Service Examination Committee	1	1	256	1	100
Public Trust Office	2	2	168	10	500
Gold Fields	1	1	154	1	1,350
General Assembly	6	6	1,138	6	3,874
Immigration	1	1	154	1	250
Assembly Library	3	3	494	3	1,250
Provincial Government, Wellington	7	10	2,044	10	2,000
" " Taranaki	6	6	1,690	6	2,400
" " Hawke's Bay	3	3	462	3	450
Total	1,527	1,202	253,343	1,723	488,193

Sub-Enclosure 2 in No. 2.

TABLE showing COST of PHOTO-LITHOGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT to 30th June, 1876.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cost of buildings and fittings	216	4	9	By Buildings and fittings	194	6	8
Rent of ground	31	0	0	Stock on hand	170	0	0
Stock account	211	19	8	Working material on hand	80	0	0
Working account	439	9	4	Cost of establishment from April 1, 1873,			
Salaries	1,489	18	7	to June 30, 1876	1,964	5	8
Miscellaneous	20	0	0				
	<u>£2,408</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£2,408</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>

The cost of the department has been at the rate of about £605 per annum.