Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 28th January, 1870.

On a memorandum, lated 26th January, 1870, from the Honorable the Postmaster General, reporting that he has entered into an agreement with the owners of the steamer "Chicora" for round trip per week between Collingwood and Fort William, during the season of navigation in the present year; by which agreement the steamer is to convey, in addition to any mails which may be placed on board, such men and stores as the Government may desire to send, at a tariff of prices to be fixed by Your Excellency in Council, in consideration of the payment to the owners of the "Chicora," by the Government of the Dominion, of the sum of Four thousand nine hundred dollars for the season.

He recommends that the above arrangement be confirmed by Your Excellency in Council, and that, inasmuch as the Mail service between Collingwood and Fort William is already provided for by his Department, under contract with the steamer "Algoma," the amount to be paid to Messrs. Milloy, owners of the "Chicora," be placed in the

Estimates for the Ocean and River Steam and Packet Service for 1870-71.

The Committee advise that the arrangement made be sanctioned, and that the necessary amount be placed in the Estimates for the present year.

Certified.

Wm. H. Lee, Clerk, Privy Council.