

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 8.  
Wednesday, 5th May, 1880.

Committee met at 11:30 o'clock, a.m.

PRESENT :

Mr. Dawson, Chairman.  
" Robinson,  
" DeCosmos,  
" Royal,  
" Trow,  
" Mousseau,  
" Caron,  
" McDonald (Cape Breton),  
" Weldon,  
" Ouimet.  
" Ross (Middlesex).

It was moved by Mr. DeCosmos, seconded by Mr. Royal, "That the Report now submitted by the Chairman to the Committee be adopted."

Moved in amendment by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Trow, "That this Committee met for the first time on the 23rd day of February; that since that time the following persons have been examined, with a view to ascertain such facts as would enable your Committee to arrive at a just conclusion, viz.:—Lindsay Russell, Surveyor-General; Col. Dennis, Deputy Minister of the Interior; Hon D. Mills, M.P., Professor Bell, of the Geological Survey; Hon. D. A. Smith, M.P., Hon. Justice Johnson, Thomas Hodgins, Q.C., Hon. Justice Armour, William Murdock, Civil Engineer; P. L. Morin, P.L.S., Hon. Justice Ramsay, Mr. Wm. McD. Dawson, Hon. Wm. McDougall, C.B.

"That a large amount of documentary evidence has been submitted from time to time, which is worthy of careful consideration.

"That on Monday, the 3rd inst., the evidence of Mr. Wm. McD. Dawson was submitted in printed form which opened an entirely new issue in connection with the investigations of the Committee.\*

"That on Tuesday, the 4th inst., your Committee met, for the first time, to deliberate upon the great mass of oral and documentary evidence collected during their protracted labors, and sat for a short time.

"That, in the limited time at the disposal of your Committee, before the prorogation of Parliament, it is impossible to consider, with that care and deliberation which so important a question deserves, the mass of evidence submitted to your Committee, therefore

"Resolved, That the Minutes of the Committee, and all the evidence oral and documentary be reported to the House.

Which was lost on the following division :—

Yeas.  
Messrs. Ross,  
Trow,  
Weldon—3.

Nays.  
Messrs. Caron,  
DeCosmos,  
Dawson,  
Mousseau,  
McDonald (Cape Breton),  
Ouimet,  
Royal,  
Robinson—8.

The main motion was then carried on the same division.

\* This evidence was given on the 30th April, and printed proofs sent to the Members of the Committee on 1st May. It was brought up for consideration as above stated, on 3rd May, following.