Mr. Ryan, from the Select Committee to whom was referred, by Resolution of the House at the last Session, the subject of Reporting the Debates, submitted their Report; and having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

"The Committee appointed on the 25th day of April last by this Honorable House to make arrangements during the Recess for Reporting and Publishing, tri-weekly, the Debates of this House and of the Legislative Council, upon such terms and in such manner as might be deemed most consistent with economy and the public service, the expenses of such Reporting and Publishing not to exceed £300; respectfully Report—

"That on the 23rd day of August last they advertised for Tenders, a copy of which Advertisement is as follows :---

## " Contract for Reporting and Publishing the Legislative Debates.

"The undersigned having been appointed, on the 25th day of April last, by the House of Assembly, a Committee for making arrangements during the Recess, for Reporting and Publishing tri-weekly, the Debates of that House, and of the Legislative Council, upon such terms and in such manner as may be deemed most consistent with economy and the public service, the expenses of such Reporting and Publishing not to exceed £300; Notice is hereby given, that Proposals for that purpose will be received until the 1st day of October next. The full Debates to be printed and published in such form as to constitute a distinct Volume of Reports, unconnected with other matter, to be delivered tri-weekly, and to contain the Resolutions, Amendments, and Divisions. The rate per one hundred copies to be specified in the Proposals.

"A copy of Reports, as published in Nova Scotia, can be seen at Mr. Gray's Office in Saint John, to whom Proposals may be forwarded.

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" August 23rd, 1851."

"That on the 1st day of October they proceeded to open the Tenders in the order in which they had been received: That after a thorough investigation of the different Tenders, your Committee came to the conclusion that it was most consistent with economy and the public service to accept the Tender of John Simpson, Esquire, of Fredericton, and they have agreed with him to Report and Publish the Debates of the House of Assembly and of the Legislative Council, pursuant to the terms of the Advertisement for the sum of  $\pounds 300$ , providing 445 copies of the Debates of this House, and 250 of the Debates of the Legislative Council.

"Your Committee would remark that, as the Reports will contain the Resolutions, Amendments, and Divisions of the Legislature, a proportionate reduction may be made in the number of the Journals of the two Houses, and that by limiting the number of the Journals of this Honorable House to 500, and of the Legislative Council to 250, a saving of £300 will be effected upon the printing and publishing of the Journals, and the payment of Reporters of the last Session.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"GEORGE RYAN, J. H. GRAY, JAMES TAYLOR, RICHARD ENGLISH-

" Committee Room, 9th January, 1852."

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Partelow,

*Resolved*, That the Tender of John Simpson, Esquire, for Reporting the Debates of the Legislative Council and this House, and for printing and publishing the same, during the present Session, be accepted.

On the like motion of the Honorable Mr. Partelow,

Resolved, That in addition to the number tendered for, a further number, not exceeding two thousand copies of the Debates of the House of Assembly, be also furnished by Mr. Simpson; provided such additional copies can be obtained for a sum not exceeding one hundred and thirty seven pounds ten shillings; and

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