

to bear testimony to your good conduct and efficiency while in their employment, and they will be glad, should an opportunity be afforded them, to further your future views.

(Signed,) T. A. BEGLY,
Secretary.

Mr. W. Ireland, Kingston.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

First Report of
Committee on
Printing.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to inform Your Honorable House that, in accordance with the practice of former Sessions, they have advertized for and received Tenders for the classes of Printing, in the French and English languages, required during the present Session.

The Tender of Mr. *Rollo Campbell* for the English, and of Mr. *Louis Perrault* for the French, "Journals and Appendix," and of Messrs. *Lovell & Gibson* for the "Sessional," (they being the lowest,) have been accepted by Your Committee, subject to the sanction of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee also received Tenders for the Binding; and beg to recommend that of Mr. *Lamothe* for the French Journal and Appendix, and of Messrs. *R. & A. Miller* for the English.

For the efficient performance of the whole work, in strict accordance with the Tenders, Your Committee would recommend that written contracts be entered into by the several parties giving good and sufficient security for the fulfilment of the same.

Your Committee would beg leave to call the attention of Your Honorable House to the present form in which the Bills are printed, and recommend that in future the same should contain double the quantity of matter on the page, and that the type used should be small pica, thereby causing a very material saving of expense, both in press-work and paper. Your Committee would also suggest that in future, no Bills be printed in both languages having reference exclusively to *Upper Canada*, but that such Bills be printed in English alone, with French marginal notes, unless otherwise ordered by a Resolution of Your Honorable House; under such an arrangement an important saving of expense will be effected, without interfering with the object for which Bills are printed.

Your Committee would further recommend, that the work done under the contract for "Sessional Printing," shall be such only as is executed and delivered during the Session; and any printing ordered during the Session, and not so delivered, shall form a portion of the work to be performed by the contractors for the Journals and Appendix. Your Committee are urged to make this recommendation from the facts, that the price paid for this printing is invariably higher than for any other class, and that heretofore, in accordance with the present practice, a great proportion of the printing has been done during the recess by the contractors for, and at the price of, Sessional printing.

Your Committee have had under their consideration the propriety of extending the present contract for the printing the Journals and Appendix during the present Parliament, and are of opinion that such an arrangement would cause an uniformity of work throughout this branch of the printing, which is very desirable, and would enable the contractors to provide a superior material for the execution of the same;—and as a still further inducement, they have agreed that a reduction may be made in the prices of their present Tenders. Your Committee, therefore, recom-

mend that the contracts for printing be extended to the end of the present Parliament.

In conclusion, Your Committee are of opinion that the printing of the Journals should forthwith commence, and proceed with every possible despatch, in order that they may be completed, and in the hands of the Members immediately after the close of the Session.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Eleventh Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Eleventh Re-
port of Com-
mittee on
Standing
Orders.

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the *Montreal New City Gas Company*, praying for amendment to their Act of incorporation, and they find that notice has been published in the *Canada Gazette*, but none has been affixed to the church door of the Parish; Your Committee are not, however, of opinion that this Petition is such as to require a notice under the 66th Rule.

Your Committee find that the requisite notices have been given upon the Petitions of *Frederick C. Capreol*, and of *Andrew Geddes* and others.

The Petition of *J. Bedard* and others; of *George O'Kill Stuart* and others; of *George D. Watson* and others; of *John G. Mackenzie*, Esquire; and of *Robert Cairns*, are not of such a nature, in the opinion of Your Committee, as to require notice.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *D. A. Macdonell*, Esquire, candidate at the late Election of a Member for the County of *Stormont* and others, Electors of the said County, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Alexander M'Lean*, Esquire, to represent the said County in the present Parliament, presented to the House the final Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Stormont
Election.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Committee, eight clear days notice of the time and place of holding an Election are required by the Provincial Statute 6 Vic. c. 1.

Resolved, That such notice was not given for the holding of the Election of a Member to represent the County of *Stormont* in the present Parliament.

Resolved, That this Committee have no reason to believe that the result of the said Election was affected by such irregularity.

Resolved, That *Alexander M'Lean*, Esquire, sitting Member for the County of *Stormont*, is duly elected for the said County during the present Parliament.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Donald Aeneas Macdonell* and others, against the Return of the said *Alexander M'Lean*, is not frivolous or vexatious.

Resolved, That the defence of the sitting Member is not frivolous or vexatious.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Committee, the conduct of the Returning Officer at the said Election, in giving the notice thereof, was not in accordance with the Act 6 Vic. c. 1.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

Message from
His Excel-
lency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—