

The Counsel for the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario shall prepare and print their respective cases, and communicate them to each other for such observations in response as they may deem necessary. The cases shall be communicated to the Arbitrators, (together with an authoritative declaration by the Governments of Quebec and Ontario respectively, of their agreement with the Dominion Government in the matter of the amount of the debt of the Province of Canada,) on or before the fifteenth day of January next. The Arbitrators may order either *mero motu*, or upon the suggestion of Counsel, an oral argument upon such points as they may deem necessary.

The Arbitrators then adjourned their next meeting to the day of the opening of the next Dominion Parliament, at noon.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 1870.

11½ o'clock, A. M.

The Arbitrators met pursuant to adjournment ;

Present :—Hon. J. H. GRAY,
Hon. Judge DAY,
Hon. D. L. MACPHERSON.

Also, Hon. Mr. Chauveau, and Messrs. Casault, Ritchie and Mr. Drolet on behalf of Quebec.

Hon. Messrs. Wood and Cameron not having appeared on behalf of Ontario ;

Arbitrators adjourned until Thursday, the 17th, at noon.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 1870.

Arbitrators met pursuant to adjournment in the Rooms of the Civil Service Board.

Present :—The Arbitrators, all ; also, Mr. Chauveau, and Messrs. Casault, Ritchie, Drolet and Mr. Robertson, the Treasurer of Quebec, on behalf of Quebec ;

The Hon. Mr. Wood, the Treasurer of Ontario, and Hon. Mr. Hilyard Cameron on behalf of Ontario.

It appears that the cases of the two Provinces, had been respectively interchanged and also sent to the Arbitrators as required by the order of the 27th Oct. last, but that no statement had been furnished of any settlement by the Provinces with the Dominion Government, as to the definite amount of the debt, as required by that order.