

persons and property, Allowances in consequence of removal, and Rents and Repairs, &c., of Public Buildings for the use of Government, elsewhere than at the existing Seat of Government, all of which appear distinctly to have been incurred in consequence of the system of alternate Parliaments. But the fourth head, viz: Rents and Repairs, &c., at the existing Seat of Government, cannot be considered as exclusively belonging to the cost of removal, as much of this, viz: ordinary repairs to Buildings, renewal of furniture, &c., and many contingent expenses would have been incurred had there only been a single Seat of Government. Under this head I have not included the expenses arising out of the two fires at Quebec where they could be distinctly ascertained; but there is little doubt that a part of the large amount expended at Quebec in 1854 was due to this cause rather than to the alternate system.

This return only includes such expenses as were paid directly by the Government, anything paid by the Clerk of either branch of the Legislature out of contingencies not appearing in any documents to which I have access.

I have the honor to be
your obedient servant,

JOHN LANGTON,

Auditor.

The Hon. C. ALLEYN,
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