

On motion of Mr. *Rykert*, it was

Ordered, That the clerk be instructed to procure from the office of the Minister of Finance, a detailed statement of the several items composing the amount paid to Thomas Adams for wages, &c., on Welland Canal, with the names of the employed and the several amounts paid them.

On motion of Mr. *White*, a sub-Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. *Dunford*, *Rykert*, *Caron* and the mover, to consider the accounts of Mr. J. B. Foote, and report thereon.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Galt*, it was

Ordered, That the Auditor be required to furnish a statement showing the annual receipts and expenditure of the Provincial steamers for the last three years, distinguishing the service upon which each vessel has been employed.

Mr. *Reiffenstein* requested to make the following correction in his answer to *Question No. 12*; "On referring to the prices current of November and December last, I find the rates of Bank exchange 60 days on London, ruled from $10\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 premium, and this will show that I was in error in stating previously that those rates were $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $10\frac{1}{2}$ premium.

Adjourned until Tuesday next at a quarter before 10 o'clock, A.M.

Tuesday, April 21st, 1863.

COMMITTEE MET.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

JOHN SIMPSON, Esq., *Chairman*.

Hon. Mr. Howland,
" " Galt,
" " Brown,
Mr. Buchanan,
" Caron,
" Dunkin,

Mr. Joly,
" Rykert,
" Starnes,
" Street,
" Wallbridge and
" White.

George C. Reiffenstein, Esq., appeared and was further Examined :

[By the Hon. Mr. *Galt*]

Ques. 15. WILL you furnish the Committee with the dates when the Sterling Debentures were sold in London in 1862, and particulars of each sale? *Ans.* I will procure and send the information required.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. *Galt*, it was

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Customs be requested to furnish, as soon as possible, a statement showing the quantity of and amount of excise duties paid on spirits and beer for the following periods in 1862. 1st. From 1st January to date of Act increasing excise duties. 2nd. From such date to the day when the proclamation imposing the new duties came into force. 3rd. From the last date to 31st December.

The Hon. Mr. *Simpson*, M.L.C., again appeared and was further Examined :

[By the Hon. Mr. *Galt*.]

Ques. 16. WAS the agreement dated New York, 5th November, and now shown to you, made by you on behalf of the Ontario Bank? *Ans.* Yes.

Ques. 17. By that agreement the Bank engaged to take \$200,000 Provincial Notes, to be dated 1st November and payable by exchange at 11 per cent premium on the 15th December. Was this transaction carried out, and if altered be pleased to state in what particulars? *Ans.* It was carried out with the exception of the Debentures being dated 1st December instead of 1st November.

Ques. 18. Did the Bank furnish the Government with exchange at 11 per cent for \$100,000 to be charged to current account as provided by said agreement. *Ans.* The exchange furnished was all charged to the general account with the Government.

Ques. 19. Was the Bank required to furnish any further amount of exchange for amounts of said notes taken by the public? *Ans.* No—not asked for.