

Petitioner?—The beginning and until the end of the first answer is in the handwriting of the late Mr. Labrie ; the rest is in the handwriting of Mr. Lafontaine ; I am perfectly well acquainted with the handwriting of both.

Mr. *Duval* re-examined, answered as follows to the same question by Mr. Neilson, as was put to Mr. Morin, as above :—

The evidence taken down by the Committee in my presence was fully explained to the Witnesses who were examined and who were made acquainted with the whole of their deposition as reduced to writing.

John Neilson, Esquire, one of the Members of this House, examined anew by Mr. Stuart :—

Did you regularly attend the sittings of the Committee last year?—I attended the sittings of the Committee regularly, with the exception, perhaps, of three or four times.

Was it for examining witnesses, or for the reading of the evidence that you were called to form a Quorum?—While Mr. Bedard was Chairman, I believe that I attended at the examination of all the Witnesses. When he was absent during his illness, and that of his mother, Mr. Labrie and Mr. Morin presided ; I generally went then to the Committee on the days appointed ; but I did not remain there during the examination of all the Witnesses. However I often assisted at the reading of their evidence to the Witnesses, and in the presence of a Quorum of the Committee.

Have you a knowledge that not unfrequently the examination of the Witnesses was taken before Members of the Committee not sufficient in number to form a Quorum of the same?—Not frequently ; I know that the examinations have been written down when there was not a Quorum ; those examinations I know were read to the Witnesses, and approved of by them, that is to say, they did not object to them.

Was it then usual to ask the Witness whether that was exactly what he declared?—The frequent usage in the Committee of the House has been for the Chairman and perhaps one or two Members, not a Quorum, taking evidence and then reading it to the Witness for the purpose of his saying whether it was correctly written down or not ; in this Committee the practice was to do that before a Quorum.

Austin Cuvillier, Esquire, one of the Members of the House, called in, and examined :—

Will you have the goodness to state to the Committee, the amounts of the Sums allowed to, and received by the Clerks of the Peace of the Districts of Quebec and Montreal, respectively for the prosecution of petty offences?—The sum paid to the Clerks of the Peace at Quebec, for the period ending 10th October, 1829, was £202 1s. 0½d. sterling, out of a vote of £300 sterling, while only £20 9s. 8d. was drawn by the Clerk of the Peace at Montreal during the same period, out of an appropriation of £500.

Were you present at the examination of any of the witnesses, before the said Committee last year, or did you only attend at the reading of the examinations in order to form a Quorum ; and how many times to the best of your knowledge?—I was present at the examination of some witnesses, without being able to recollect who they were. I have also attended at the reading of evidence, some-
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