

*Half-past Eight o'clock P. M.*

Mr. *Stephenson*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented to the House the Ninth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

The Committee have carefully considered the following document, and recommend that it be printed, viz.:

Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed on the subject of Hygiene and the Public Health.

Mr. *Stephenson*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented to the House the Tenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

The Committee beg leave to submit as their Tenth Report the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*, That as the several contracts for the Printing, Binding and Printing Paper expire next year, it is advisable that provision should be made for the future performance of those services by advertising during the recess for tenders for Printing, Binding, and supply of the Printing Paper required for the Parliament of the Dominion of *Canada*, for the period of five years, to be computed from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, with the right on the part of Parliament to extend the same, on the same terms and conditions, to ten years; such tenders to be sent in, in a sealed envelope, marked: "Tender for Printing, Binding or Printing Paper," as the case may be, and addressed to the Clerk of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, not later than 12 o'clock noon of the first day of the next session of the Parliament of the Dominion, after which time no tender will be received. Such tenders to be made on blank forms, which can be had on application, from the Clerk of the Committee, and that the calculations testing the value of each tender shall be made upon the several services as performed in the session of 1872-3, and that the several terms, conditions and provisions contained in the said blank form of tender, shall be binding on the several tenderers, and shall form the basis on which the several contracts shall be drawn up.

*Resolved*, That this House doth concur in the Ninth and Tenth Reports of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament.

A Bill respecting the admission of the Colony of *Prince Edward Island* as a Province of the Dominion, was, according to Order, read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions with respect to the authorization of the payment of certain contractors for Sections Nos. 1 to 7 of the Intercolonial Railway.

*(In the Committee.)*

1. *Resolved*, That it appears that the tenders for contracts for work on the sections of the Intercolonial Railway, Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive, were made at a time when the requisite information as to the amount of work to be done on each could not be given by the Commissioners, and that such tenders were therefore made without adequate information or even an approximate estimate of quantities.

2. *Resolved*, That it appears that on sections Nos. 1 and 2, the work has been carried on by the original contractors :—that on No. 1 their work is completed and the track laid ; and that on No. 2 the track is being laid, and the whole work contracted for will be completed in about two months.

3. *Resolved*, That it appears that the contractors on Sections Nos. 1 and 2 have made claims for extra work, which the Commissioners after full consideration and discussion with the Chief Engineer, have recommended that they be authorized to settle in full, at sums not exceeding, viz.: For No. 1, \$35,000—and for No. 2, \$45,000.