

Committee.

Mr. Boulton's Charges.

£5000, alluded to in the Report of thirty-two different municipalities, by the Trust, and amounting in gross to £153,819, whilst the amount taken by the Committee for the Trust Committee for the year shows that the Trust then held £161,000, properly withheld 315s 11d of debentures, or nearly £8,000 more than which they made the special committee discovered.

account of that sum. They also reported that the manager was indebted to the Society in £32,000, paying 8 per cent interest, for which the Society held the above-mentioned securities, which, after some necessary deduction, still leaves a margin of £10,000, and say that they are now valued at more than that amount, and the present rental of the block, after paying the taxes and insurance, is £890. This statement is intended to convey the impression that the shops are an ample security for £10,000, over and above encumbrances, and producing a clear rental of £890 per annum, or nearly 9 per cent of income. I found that at the time this report the premises were mortgaged to the vendor of the land for about £4,000, and that the amount payable for the shops and premises at and before the date of the report was less than £620.

the Commutation of the Committee £270 less than the Committee reported, and the Executive Committee not exclusive of insurance.

Manager, by which another security reported on consists of assignments, by the manager, of certain mortgages on sixteen town lots in Hamilton to the expenditure of £2,530, being at the rate of £150 per lot. A competent party has informed me that he knows the lots, that he doubts if most of them would bring £50 each on time; many of them are assessed at only £25 each, and, from the City Clerk, I learn that the taxes due on the Hamilton lots amounted last November to over £1,000, and accumulating at the rate of 10 per cent per annum. I doubt very much if this security would realize £800.

35. Another security consists of 29 agreements for the sale by Mr. Cameron of lands in Huron, amounting in 1862 to £4,519, and about £1,000 worth of lands in Carradoc. How much is yet due on these lands I cannot say. It is a kind of security which should never have been taken for a Trust, but it is perhaps the best of the manager's securities, if unencumbered.

36. Another security given by the manager consists of an assignment of Malcolm Cameron's mortgage for £7,784, on 3,696 acres of land in Huron and Warwick. On inquiring into this security I found, although the committee report that they have sold portions of it at \$11½ per acre, it does not seem to be occupied or that the rebasers have paid for it, as 200 acres have already been sold for taxes, and on the remaining 3,496 acres taxes to over \$1,800 were due last November,

Statement of Committee.

33. At the time these securities were taken from Mr. Cameron, they were ample in value. The Yonge Street buildings produced a clear return of £1000 per annum. The mortgage to the vendor of the land was collaterally secured to the Trust Committee by the assignment of other mortgages to the amount of £5000, on which the interest has always been punctually paid, and nearly one-third of the property was absolutely released from the vendor's mortgage, and the report of the Special Committee was in strict accordance with the facts.

34. The Hamilton lots had almost all been sold at large advances, on their purchase from Mr. Cameron, and on all of them, with the exception of two of £150 each, the interest has always been punctually paid, and the committee have no reason to doubt that the whole amount will be realized from them. If there are any arrears of taxes, of which neither Mr. Cameron nor the committee have had any notice from the corporation, the purchasers residing in Hamilton are perfectly able to pay them.

35. A large part of the agreements in Huron, and the mortgages in Carradoc, have been paid off, which is the best answer to the charge of insufficiency of these securities, and all the residue are ample security and will be paid.

36. The Hon. Malcolm Cameron's mortgage was given by him in a purchase of the lands in Adelaide and Warwick. On the purchase in 1855, he paid £1000 in cash, and the interest on the mortgage until July, 1861, or nearly four years after the mortgage was taken in security. The land has been valued at 8 dollars per acre by the Special Committee, but a considerable portion of it has been sold at \$11½ per acre, and none of it under \$10 per acre, and even at the latter rate