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## REPORT.

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COMMITTEE ROOM,

THURSDAY, 20th May, 1886.

The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to present the following as their Second Report :—

Your Committee have had under consideration items connected with the Dalhousie Branch of the Intercolonial Railway (page 268, part ii, of the Public Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1885), more especially with reference to freight and passengers carried by the said railway for the Inch Arran Hotel, at Dalhousie, N.B. ; and have examined certain witnesses in connection therewith, and for the information of the House append hereto copies of the evidence given by the persons examined by your Committee, together with the exhibits filed by them and a statement showing the cost of the enquiry.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. RYKERT, *Chairman.*

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## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

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OTTAWA, 29th April, 1886.

The Public Accounts Committee met ; Mr. RYKERT in the Chair.

Mr. DONAT CORMIER, called and examined :—

*By Mr. Davies :*

1. Were you employed in the Intercolonial Railway at Moncton ? Yes, from 1882 until 1885.
2. In what capacity ? In the audit office, as checker of reports that came in.
3. From outer stations ? From all stations from Halifax to Montreal.
4. And did your duties require you to check all the tickets issued by the ticket agents ? Yes, Sir.
5. Well, in the year 1884, you were then in the audit office as checker ? Yes.
6. Had you occasion to check any issues of tickets to Dalhousie, N.B., from Montreal or elsewhere ? Yes, Sir, from Montreal the tickets were issued. They read from Point Lévis to Dalhousie and return. Montreal had authority, or always had, to issue tickets to any part of the line at all. These read, "From Point Lévis to Dalhousie and return."
7. That is the Montreal agent ? Yes.
8. What is his name ? G. W. Robinson.
9. You had to check his return ? Yes, he always had two reports. One was a through ticket report and one was a local report.
10. Very well, he made returns to Moncton ? A. Yes.