

OTTAWA, 9th June, 1869.

SIR,—We respectfully ask the Joint Committee on Printing to allow us to withdraw our tender for the supply of Paper; and the enclosed letter received lately from our English correspondent, declining to confirm the verbal arrangement we made with their Mr. *Thompson*, we hope will be considered a sufficient reason for our non-acceptance of the contract which the Committee almost unanimously awarded us.

We are, Sir,
Your obt. servants,
HUNTER, ROSE & LEMIEUX.

Hy. Hartney, Esq.,
Clerk, Joint Com. Printing.

(Enclosure.)

Messrs. *Hunter, Rose & Lemieux.*
Ottawa.

42, UPPER THAMES STREET,
London, 25th May, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—Your favor of 7th instant, addressed to me at *Aberdeen*, was sent on here, and after further correspondence with the Cutter Mill Company on the subject of the contract, I was instructed to wire to you by cable the following Message which I did on Saturday, 22nd instant;

Willing to contract for one year.
Discount, five per cent.

As I wrote to you on the 19th instant, Mr. *Johnston*, the Manager, is quite opposed to a five years contract in case of any serious rise in the price of material, and although I urged the acceptance of five years, should you be successful, I of course was over-ruled.

Well, as I already stated in my former letter, I regret this result; had it been a matter connected with our own Mill it might have been different. I fancy that it is only in the case of printing paper that the *Ontario* Government look so far ahead.

When you write please let me know what has been done in Mr. *Desbarats'* case—I have not heard a syllable on the subject since I left the Country.

With kind regards
I am, yours faithfully
JAS. THOMPSON.

Moved by Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Stephenson*,—That as Messrs. *Hunter, Rose & Lemieux*, by their letter of 9th inst., have asked to be allowed to withdraw their tender for the supplying of the Printing Paper for the reasons therein set forth, it be recommended that the permission be granted, and that the tender of Mr. *James Barber* be accepted instead.—Carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. *Bellerose*, the letter of Mr. *I. B. Taylor* accompanying his tender for the Printing, &c., was read as follows:

OFFICE OF THE OTTAWA CITIZEN,
Ottawa, May 27th, 1869.

Henry Hartney, Esq., Department of Printing of Parliament.

SIR,—I enclose herewith a tender from myself for the Printing, &c., of Parliament. I beg to name Messrs. *M. S. Stevenson* and *J. A. Gouin* as my securities. If any others are required I undertake to furnish them to the satisfaction of the Printing Committee.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

I. B. TAYLOR.

On motion of Mr. *Bowell*, seconded by Mr. *Stephenson*, it was Ordered, That the proceedings of the Committee be reported to Parliament in detail.
Adjourned.

Attest,
HENRY HARTNEY,
Clerk, Joint Committee of both Houses on Printing.