

THIRD REPORT

OF THE

Select Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Your Committee have taken into consideration the List of Officers and Employés which was referred to them by Your Honorable House. They have also procured a statement of their salaries and emoluments, and have ascertained the duties of each.

Having obtained this information, your Committee called before them some of the principal Officers, with a view of ascertaining whether, under the new constitutional regime, it would not be possible to employ a smaller number of Officers and Servants in the Offices of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have ascertained that the number of such Officers and Servants is now too large, and may be reduced without interfering with the efficiency of the Public Service.

In pursuit of this enquiry your Committee have been gratified to find that Mr. Speaker has been enabled, without impairing the efficiency of the service of the House, to employ a less number of Officers and Messengers than were employed by the late Legislative Assembly of Canada, and effect thereby a saving to the amount of \$7,400.

Pursuing the same course, your Committee have become convinced that it is likewise possible, without decreasing the efficiency of the Public Service, to effect other savings which they have the honor to submit for the approval of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have therefore the honor to recommend:

1st. That the services of six of the Permanent Officers or Clerks of this House be dispensed with;—That the number of French Translators be reduced by one;—That the number of Sessional or Extra Clerks shall not exceed ten;—And that that of the Messengers of all grades shall not exceed forty. That the number of night watchmen be limited to two; and that the number of charwomen shall not exceed ten during the recess, and twenty during the Session.

2nd. That that part of the Department of Routine and Records, which consists in the reception and distribution of the printed Bills and other documents, shall, with that of printing, form but one Department, and that the Honorable the Senate be requested to consent that the analogous Offices in their House shall, with those in the House of Commons, constitute a Joint Department, to be composed of one Chief Clerk, one Junior Clerk, one Workman and two Messengers; said Officers, Workman and Messengers to be appointed by the proper authority in both Houses.

3rd. That the Department of Votes and Proceedings, and that of the Journals, shall form one and the same Department, and be composed of four Officers.

4th. That the Department of Controverted Elections, and that of the Committees, shall constitute one Department, under the name of "The Committees' Department," and be composed of Clerks who are not specially attached to other Departments.

5th. That the Post Office be under the management of the Postmaster, and the Deputy Postmaster with one of the Permanent Messengers.

6th. That no Clerk be stationed in the Reading Room; and that there be but two