

that province, is equally, or more forcibly applicable, to that of Lower Canada.

The above report is signed, as chairman, by the truly patriotic, and indefatigable member of that house, col. J. Matthews; and states:

That it is in evidence that great abuses do exist in the post-office department, which ought to be remedied.

That the post office department of the province, ought to be under the supervision and controul of the parliament thereof.

That the deputy postmasters, not being under the controul of the provincial parliament, have been, at times, very regardless of their duties, and inattentive to complaints made to, and of, them, from a knowledge of the difficulties that exist in bringing them to justice.

That the complaints made to the deputy-post-master-general, of letters and papers missent, and opened and inspected, and of other irregularities, have not received attention.

That to compel editors of newspapers to pay, in advance, the postage of their papers to their subscribers, is a great injury to them, as they are paying for a service not always performed, and are, in many cases, not repaid: and it is recommended that the postage of newspapers should be charged and collected as the postage of letters now is, from the persons who receive them: also that all letters on the public service, should, (as in England,) be free of postage.

Also that all communications by post, to and from members of parliament, (while in session,) and not exceeding one oz. in weight, should be free of postage.

That, if any surplus revenue is received from the post-office in the province, the proceeds should be expended on the public roads, bridges, &c.

Some other items of local abuses, of supercilious inattention, and improper charges, are enumerated in the report, which concludes: as follows:

And, on a review of the whole and of the abuses said to exist, and the difficulties under the present system of correct-