

power to comply with my request." In objecting to the system, I beg to say, that I have no fault to find with the Post-Office Department, which makes a claim it considers no doubt founded in right. Mr. *Stayner* is a most zealous and intelligent Public Officer.

Messrs. *Neilson & Cowan*, of *Quebec*, examined:—

Can you state what sum of money is paid by the Publishers of Newspapers and Periodicals in this Province, to the Post-Office for the transmission of their papers and pamphlets?—We have no exact data upon which to give an answer to this question. We can, however, return one approximating to the truth, founded upon our knowledge of the circulation of the different papers of the Province, taking the proportion of the circulation of our Gazette paid to the Department (£52 10,) and comparing it with the circulation of the other papers. This proportion is as near can be, one-fifth, and we shall then have the following results:

In <i>Montreal</i> , published twice a week, paying the Post-Office 5s. a year, 4,648 papers, of which $\frac{1}{5}$ th will give.....	Dollars 929
In ditto, published once a week, paying 4s., 800 papers, of which $\frac{1}{5}$ th.....	128
In <i>Three-Rivers</i> , once a week, 800, at 4s.,	128
In <i>Quebec</i> , twice a week, at 5s., 1660 papers,	336
In ditto, once a week, at 4s., 400 ditto,...	64
In <i>Stanstead</i> , ditto, at 4s., 600 ditto,.....	96
Various American papers, <i>Albion</i> , <i>Spectator</i> , <i>Courrier des Etats-Unis</i> , &c., say 250, at 4s.,.....	200
English papers, (5 daily at <i>Quebec</i> , with others weekly, semi-weekly, &c.,) say equal to 10 daily papers, 300 a year, at 1d. a piece,) say equal 3,000d. or.....	50
English papers, again received at <i>Montreal</i> , and the country parts thereof, equal to the above.....	50

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