

Mr. McDougall,
Mr. POPE,
Mr. STARNES,
Mr. STREET, and
Mr. WHITE.

The Chairman handed in the following explanation, received from Mr. *Andrew Russell*, Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands :

“ With reference to Mr. *Ross's* evidence that requisitions for Stationery, &c., have been discontinued, I beg to remark that I have continued to issue requisitions for every article required. They have been enclosed in an envelope addressed to Mr. *Ross*, but that the clerks (in order that the articles required might be procured more speedily,) have recently sent those requisitions direct to the party required to furnish the articles, with a request that they would send them to Mr. *Ross*, but that in several instances, these parties have kept the requisitions, and sent them in with their accounts. This deviation from the established routine, has had no effect as to the prices of the articles.”

On motion of the Chairman, it was

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross* be requested to furnish the Committee with the invoices of the articles for which the last payment was made by him to Mr. *Foote*, and also the invoices of any other supplies furnished by Mr. *Foote* to the Crown Lands Department, up to this date, and accompany the invoices with samples of the different articles included in such invoices.”

“ That the printing accounts of Messrs *Coté & Co.*, Messrs. *Desbarats & Derbishire*, and *Thompson & Co.*, be referred to Messrs. *Hartney & Hunter*, to report upon in the same way as upon the account of Mr. *S. B. Foote*.”

“ That the Deputy Heads of Departments be requested to furnish the Committee with the accounts in detail of their expenditure for contingencies during the past year.

Adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock, A.M.

Friday, 16th May, 1862.

COMMITTEE MET.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

JOHN SIMPSON, Esq., CHAIRMAN.

Mr DUNSFORD,
Hon. Mr. FOLEY,
Mr. DUNKIN,
Mr. HAULTAIN,
Mr. HOWLAND,
Mr. JACKSON,
Hon. Mr. J. S. MACDONALD.
Mr. MORRISON,
Mr. McDougall,
Mr. POPE.
Mr. SIMARD,
Mr. STARNES,
Mr. STREET, and
Mr. WHITE.

On motion of the Chairman, it was

Ordered, That samples be produced and laid before the Committee of the articles of stationery and printing supplied to the Crown Lands Department during the past year, by Messrs. *Desbarats & Derbishire*, Messrs. *Coté*, and Mr. *Thompson*.

Mr. *Langton* appeared, and handed in documents A, and B, which were read by the Chairman as follows:—