

any authority given to me to audit accounts. My duties are simply to pay the accounts when they have been certified to me for payment, by the head or deputy head of the different Departments.

*Ques.* 21. Are you aware that any further supply of Stationery has been ordered to Mr. Foote, and for what Departments, and by whose authority?—*Ans.* I have paid one account, since January last, in favor of Mr. Foote, for the sum of \$3248, certified by Mr. Russell of the Crown Lands Department. No orders have been passed through my hands.

[By Mr. McDougall.]

*Ques.* 22. Mr. Russell has informed the Committee that requisitions for Stationery, &c., are addressed to you. Will you explain how this is?—*Ans.* A rule existed for some time that all requisitions for Stationery, &c., should be transmitted to me. It was simply to prevent subordinates in the public service from ordering articles required, except through the Deputy Head of each Department. No discretion was left to me as to whom the requisition should be sent, as on the face of them was written, that the article was to be obtained from "*The Queen's Printer*," "*A. Côté*," or "*S. B. Foote*," as the case might be. The system has fallen into disuse in the service. The Crown Lands Department continued it in its integrity the longest, but latterly it has broken the rule in very many instances.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, it was

*Ordered*, That witness do furnish the Committee with a statement of the total amount paid up to this date to Mr. Foote for Stationery, Printing, &c., for the various Departments.

The witness then withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do request the attendance of *Fennings Taylor*, Esquire Deputy Clerk and Clerk's Assistant of the Legislative Council; *Henry Hartney*, Esquire, Assistant Chief Office Clerk, Legislative Assembly; *Robert Hunter*, Esquire, of the firm of *Hunter, Rose & Co.*, Printers to the Legislative Assembly; and *Andrew Russell*, Esquire, Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, before the Committee, on to-morrow at half past 10 o'clock A.M.

Adjourned until to-morrow at half past 10 o'clock, A. M.

*Wednesday, May 14th, 1862.*

# COMMITTEE MET

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

JOHN SIMPSON, ESQ., CHAIRMAN

Mr. BUCHANAN,  
Mr. CHAPAIS,  
Hon. Mr. DRUMMOND,  
Mr. DUNSFORD,  
Hon. Mr. FOLEY,  
Hon. Mr. GALT.  
Mr. HAULTAIN,  
Mr. HOWLAND,  
Mr. JACKSON,  
Mr. JOBIN,  
Mr. LE BOUTILLIER,  
Hon. Mr. J. S. MACDONALD,