

The Honourable Sir John Carling, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament. presented their First Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows :—

COMMITTEE ROOM,

FRIDAY, 23rd March, 1900.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament beg leave to present the following as their First Report :—

The Committee carefully examined the following documents, and recommend that they be printed, viz. :—

20. Correspondence relating to the despatch of Colonial Military Contingents to South Africa.

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22. Statement of all Superannuations and Retiring Allowances in the Civil Service during the year ended 31st December, 1899, showing name, rank, salary, service and cause of retirement of each person superannuated or retired; also whether vacancy filled by promotion or by new appointment, and salary of any new appointee.

23. Statement in pursuance of Section 17 of the Civil Service Insurance Act, for the year ending 30th June, 1899.

27. Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General of the 10th July, 1899, for a copy of the Treaty of 1825 between Great Britain and Russia, respecting Alaska, and for copies of the Projects, Protocols, and correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Government of Russia respecting the said treaty, and subsequent thereto, and copies of the correspondence between the Imperial Government and the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg during the negotiations for the said treaty.

47. Return to an Order of the House of the 7th February, 1900, for copies of all correspondence in the possession of the Government relating to the offer of Major-General Hutton to serve in the South African war; and, also, all correspondence between the Department of Militia and Defence and Major-General Hutton relating to the organization of the Canadian Contingents despatched to Africa.

49. Copies of Orders in Council; General Orders; Appointments to Office, and Militia Orders affecting the Contingents, in connection with the despatch of the Colonial Military Force to South Africa.

56a. Return to an Order of the House of the 12th February, 1900, for a Return of—(a) The number of all first-class tickets issued at the Sydney and North Sydney stations respectively over the Intercolonial Railway from the 1st day of September, 1899, to the 31st January, 1900. (b) The number of first-class tickets that were issued to each of these stations respectively during the said period. (c) The number of parlour car tickets issued to and from each of these stations respectively during the stated period. (d) The number of cars of freight and the aggregate number of tons of freight that were shipped from and arrived at each of these stations respectively during the period stated. (e) The aggregate amount earned at or received from each of these stations respectively for all passenger rates and fares and for all freight during the period stated.

57. Return to an Order of the House of the 7th February, 1900, for copies of papers, correspondence, telegrams and memoranda and agreement entered into between or on behalf of the Governments of Canada and Prince Edward Island relating to the construction of a railway and traffic bridge across the Hillsborough River, in the Province of Prince Edward Island.

The Committee would also recommend that the following documents be not printed, viz. :—

21. Copy of an Order in Council relative to the issue of licenses to United States fishing vessels.