

third edition of that well known and now standard work, which has been rendered necessary on account of large additions to historical knowledge consequent upon the examination of the extensive collections of manuscripts concerning *Canadian* affairs, which have been obtained by the Government from the archives of *France, England*, and also from the *United States*, since the publication of his previous editions. Mr. *Garneau* has been unable to publish the earlier editions of his valuable work without some assistance from the public funds, and he now solicits a similar aid on behalf of this new edition. The Committee have accordingly subscribed for one hundred and fifty copies, feeling confident that the Honorable Council will approve of their assisting Mr. *Garneau* in perfecting and completing his historical labors.

The Committee have given their attention to similar applications for pecuniary aid in the publication, or towards the encouragement of their works, from the following gentlemen, namely: Mr. *Charles Sungster*, Author of a volume of Poems; Mr. *Charles Roger*, Author of the first volume of a History of *Canada*, and who is preparing to publish a second volume; and Mr. *W. C. Keble*, Compiler of a Magistrate's Manuel for *Upper Canada*, a fourth edition of which has just appeared; but they are not of opinion that it is advisable to make any appropriation on behalf of these publications.

A Petition has been referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, from *Henry Taylor*, Author of several little works on scientific, agricultural and political subjects, and who now at an advanced age, is in a state of extreme poverty and unable to find means of support. The Committee regret that there are no funds at their disposal out of which they could render him aid and assistance.

The Committee have also given their attention to a Petition from Mr. *John Gooch*, Bookseller, of *Toronto*, complaining that the Librarian had not fulfilled some alleged agreement or understanding with him, said to have been made upon the occasion of his removal from the *United States* to *Toronto*, whereby he should be employed as an agent for the purchase of such books as might be required for the Library from the *United States*; on examining the Librarian with reference to this complaint, he produced two letters, written to him by Mr. *Gooch* during the period in question, from which evidence the Committee were satisfied that the complaint against that officer was frivolous and unfounded, and they were unanimous in their conclusion that the Petition could not be entertained.

The Committee have directed one hundred copies of *Lovell's Canada Directory*, for 1857-8, to be furnished for the Library and for distribution to the foreign exchanges.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,
28th July, 1858.

The Honorable Mr. *de Blaquiére* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ross*,