

*Ordered*, That the Petition of *Edward Scallon* and others, of the Village of *Industry*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *Turcotte*, from the Joint Committee appointed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, for the direction of the Library of Parliament, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

The Committee have had before them the Report of Mr. *Todd*, the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly, giving the result of his Mission to *Europe*, pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee, last Session. A considerable portion of the purchases made by Mr. *Todd* have recently arrived; and the remainder, including the large Donations obtained by him from the Governments of *England* and *France*, may be shortly expected. It is a matter of congratulation, that so far no loss has been sustained in the transport of the Books from *Europe*, and that they have been received in good condition.

The Accounts of Mr. *Todd*, with vouchers for every payment, have been submitted by him to the Committee, and appears to be quite satisfactory. The sum placed at his disposal for the purchase of Books was Nine thousand six hundred and twenty-one pounds nine shillings and six pence sterling. The amount expended by him, whilst in *Europe*, for Books and Binding, was Seven thousand five hundred and fifty-five pounds and six pence; add to which the amount of his per diem allowance for travelling expenses, &c., being five dollars a day, for two hundred and thirty-nine days, making Two hundred and forty-five pounds nine shillings and five pence half-penny sterling, it gives a total of Seven thousand eight hundred pounds nine shillings and eleven pence half-penny. This leaves a balance of One thousand eight hundred and twenty pounds nineteen shillings and six pence half-penny to the credit of the Library, at the time of Mr. *Todd's* departure from *Europe*. Since his return, freight and transport charges have accrued, by the arrival of ninety-four cases of Books, which, together with further accounts received, for purchases made by him, on behalf of the Library, amount to about Four hundred pounds. Additional payments must also be made, before long, to complete the orders for Books, in *Paris* and *London*, as yet unexecuted.

The large and increasing extent of the Library, and the responsibility attached to its care and management, have induced the Speakers, with the advice of the Committee, to take steps to carry into effect the Report of the Committee, last Session, for the re-organization of the Department, which was concurred in by the House, on the 29th May, 1855. Accordingly, Dr. *Winder*, the late Librarian of the Assembly, has been placed on the retired list, with a Pension of Two hundred pounds per annum; and Mr. *Todd*, the former Assistant Librarian, has been appointed to succeed him, with a salary of Four hundred pounds per annum. These arrangements to date from the 31st of March last. To the Office of Assistant Librarian, agreeably to the understanding expressed by the House last year, a gentleman of *French Canadian* origin has been appointed, namely, Mr *Lajoie*, of the *French Translators' Department*, he being thoroughly conversant with both languages, and otherwise well-qualified for the post. His Salary remains unaltered, as he was in the receipt of Three hundred pounds per annum, as *French Translator*, which was the salary attached to the office of Assistant Librarian. These changes in the Department will, it is hoped, meet with the approbation of the House, and be the means of ensuring the proper care and oversight of our valuable collection.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Young*, seconded by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,