

<i>Robertson & Cooke</i>	\$21,018 64½
<i>Anne Lovell</i>	21,531 75½
<i>James Cotton</i>	22,693 23
<i>E. A. Taylor & Co.</i>	26,598 21

The Committee, having received a communication from Messrs. *Hunter, Rose & Lemieux*, requesting to be allowed to withdraw their tender for the supplying of the Printing Paper, recommend that they be permitted to do so; and also recommend that the tender of Mr. *James Barber* be accepted instead.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
June 10th, 1869.

Committee met.

PRESENT :

Hon. Messrs. *Anderson*,
" *Bureau*,
" *Burnham*,
" *Dumouchel*,
" *Odell*,
" *Olivier*,
" *Reesor*,
" *Sanborn*,
" *Simpson*,

Messrs. *Beaty*,
" *Bellerose*,
" *Bowell*,
" *Brousseau*,
" *Ferguson*,
" *Mackenzie*,
" *Stevenson*,
" *Young*.

Hon. Mr. *Simpson* in the Chair.

The Clerk read the following reference to the Committee, from the House of Commons :

MONDAY, 7th June, 1869.

Ordered, That the Sixth Report be referred back to the said Committee, with the recommendation to amend the same by reporting for acceptance the Tender of *J. B. Taylor* for Printing, said Tender being the lowest on the aggregate amount by \$1,775.99 per annum, and \$8,879.95 for the five years for which the contract is to be given, or if continued for ten years, \$17,759.90, upon his furnishing acceptable security, in accordance with the terms in the printed form of Tender supplied by the said Printing Committee.

Moved by the Honorable Mr. *Sanborn*, seconded by Mr. *Bellerose*, that it be

Resolved, That the Sixth Report having been referred back to the Committee by the House of Commons, with a recommendation to accept the lowest tender, and the Senate having discharged the Order for the adoption of the said Report, without making any recommendation to the Committee, the Committee conceive that it would best serve the public interests by reporting as follows :—

The Joint Committee was formed for the purpose of managing the Printing Services of Parliament; and in the performance of that duty, recommended the issue of Tenders for the several services, which recommendation was adopted by both Houses. The Committee advertised for Tenders, reserving the right of not accepting the lowest. The two lowest Tenders were from Mr. *J. B. Taylor*, of *Ottawa*, and Messrs. *Hunter, Rose & Lemieux*, the present contractors; the former was the lowest by \$1,775.99; but the Committee, after a careful examination of Mr. *Taylor's* tender, and finding in some cases the items tendered for at less than journeymen's prices, and others at such a bare margin as not to be sufficient to make up the apparent loss, came to the conclusion to reject the tender. On examination of the Tender of Messrs. *Hunter, Rose & Lemieux*, though some of the items tendered for are evidently below cost, others are at such rates as may counterbalance the loss, giving the Committee a reasonable expectation that the work could be performed by them with satisfaction to Parliament and themselves. On this ground, as well as the further security of this firm having satisfactorily performed the duty for the past nine years, thus giving, from their experience, a further and the very best guarantee, that, having a thorough knowledge of what was required of them, they would be able to carry out their