
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
OTTAWA, 16th January, 1871.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that, in accordance with my instructions, I have audited the books and accounts of the Accountant of the House of Commons for the semi-annual periods ending 30th June and 31st December, 1870, and have found all perfectly correct and satisfactory. I deem it, however, my duty to mention that deductions are made in all other branches of the Public Service under the Superannuation Act without reference to length of service; whereas I perceive that under your interpretation of the Act and instructions to the Accountant, no deductions have been made from the salaries of Officers of the House who have served 35 years. I have again much pleasure in bearing testimony to the careful and methodical manner in which the business of the Accountant's Office continues to be managed by Mr. *Vaux* and Mr. *Stansfeld*.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

THOMAS D. TIMS,

Financial Inspector.

The Honorable JAMES COCKBURN, M. P.,
Speaker of the Commons of *Canada*,
&c., &c., &c.
