

SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT.

most of November." He also said that as a general thing it was comparatively smooth water in Hudson's Bay, very smooth in the Strait, and generally good, until Greenland was passed and the Atlantic proper entered—that is during the summer months—and he saw no reason why steamers could not make excellent speed on that course for four months certainly in the year; and in open winters, five months; and communication from Winnipeg to England a fixed fact, if energy and capital were combined. He was enthusiastic over the matter, and seemed to believe in it. Capt. Olisby is a young man educated in our High School, and while expressing confidence, is not too extravagant, leaning all the time to four months rather than five. He is now in the employ of C. A. Williams & Co., and next year fits his vessel for the Arctic, and goes with a second vessel under his direction, being a sort of fleet captain."

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Yours, sincerely,

(Sd.) ISAAC H. FOLGER.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 26th, 1884.

The Committee met at 10:30 A.M.

Present, Mr. Gigot, in the chair, the Hon. the Speaker, Drs. Harrison and Wilson, Messrs. Jackson, Davidson, Winram, Woodworth, Leacock.

The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the statement of Capt. Kennedy, formerly of the Hudson's Bay Company's service, and commander of the "Prince Albert," Lady Franklin Exploring Expedition. Examination continued and concluded.

The Secretary read the statement of Henry Johnston, for 13 years in employ of Hudson's Bay Company, at York Factory. The examination of the following named witnesses was proceeded with.

Capt. J. Hackland,	Headingly.
Capt. Colin Sinclair,	Kildonan.
Mr. Wm. Stevenson,	Headingly.