
SECOND REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Your Committee have felt it incumbent upon them, before entering upon the general investigation and verification of the Public Accounts for the past year, to cause to be produced before them certain correspondence between the Chief Superintendents of Education, more particularly the Superintendent of Western Canada, and the Government, as also certain evidence touching the payment of moneys by that public officer to the Government, and arrearages and allowances by the Government to him, to the end that the facts and circumstances might be finally reported to your Honorable House; all which evidence and correspondence is herewith reported to your Honorable House.

Your Committee further beg leave to report the following summary of the facts deducible, in their opinion, from the evidence and correspondence:

1st.—That the salary of the Superintendent of Education in Lower Canada is by the Provincial Statute 9th Victoria, chapter 27, section 34, fixed at £500.

2nd.—That the salary of the same officer in Upper Canada is fixed by the 13th and 14th Victoria, chapter 48, section 34, at the sum provided by law for the Superintendent of Lower Canada.

3rd.—That the salary of the Reverend Dr. Ryerson was, by Order in Council of the 22nd May, 1855, increased to £750. And Mr. Chauveau was appointed as Chief Superintendent for Lower Canada, in July of the same year, with a like salary of £750. And that the salaries of both those officers were increased to £1,000 each by Order in Council of the 24th March, 1858, to take effect from January 1, 1857.

4th.—That on the 17th April, 1858, the sum of £390 was paid, under Order in Council of the 3rd September, 1857, to Dr. Ryerson, as arrearages of salary from April, 1846, to July, 1850, including £50 for office rent, upon a claim made by him to the Government, on the 27th December, 1856.