

APPENDIX C.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PETITION OF COL. BARNETT.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland in Council assembled :

Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Col. Sidney Barnett of the 44th Battalion, beg to report that they cannot endorse the principle of making an appropriation of the kind asked for in the Petition referred to Your Committee. They believe that it is the duty of the Government of the country to provide for the payment of the Volunteer force in a suitable and respectable manner, so that the expense of sustaining the said force shall fall equally upon the whole Dominion.

Your Committee cannot recommend the appropriation of any sum for the payment asked in the said Petition;

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. G. HILL.
PETER LEARN.

Welland, January 25th, 1871.

REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REGISTRAR'S CLAIMS.

To the Warden and Councillors for the County of Welland, in Council assembled :

The Special Committee upon the Registrar's claims beg leave to Report:

They have the opinion of Messrs. Paterson, Harrison & Paterson, also the opinion of Messrs. Blake, Kerr & Bethune; both opinions are against the payment by this Council of more than \$2,000 for the Abstract Index, for which the Registrar claims \$12,488 00.