

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Department of Public Works and the Engineer of *St. Peter's Canal*.

Return to Address,—Correspondence relative to the surveys of the several proposed routes of the Intercolonial Railway.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,  
*Chairman.*

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Sanborn*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chaffers*, it was

*Ordered*, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Sanborn*, from the said Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament presented their Eighth Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :

COMMITTEE ROOM, 10th June, 1869.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament beg leave to submit the following as their Eighth Report :

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. *I. 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 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 the 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 last 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 contract, the Committee recommended their tender for acceptance, considering it the safest, and, in the end, the cheapest. And as in the session of 1859, the then Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the late Province of *Canada*, in their discretion, rejected the lowest tender (which was \$3,000 less than the one they recommended,) and the Report was referred back to the Committee to submit their calculations ; which while doing so, the Committee simply reported the calculations and the names of the several tenderers, leaving the responsibility of selection to the Legislature; the result of which was the selection of the lowest tenderer, who failed within the year, involving great annoyance and heavy pecuniary loss, though his sureties were undoubted.

The Committee now respectfully beg to report the names of the several Tenderers, with the total calculations for each, leaving to Parliament the responsibility of selection :

<i>I. B. Taylor</i> .....	\$14,696 76
<i>Hunter, Rose &amp; Lemieux</i> .....	16,472 75