

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

TUESDAY, 17th June, 1851.

THOMAS FORTIER, Esq., in the Chair.

Antoine Polette, Esquire, one of the Members of the Committee, is examined as follows :—

Be pleased to state to the Committee what are the causes which have retarded the settlement of the Townships in Lower Canada?—Various causes have contributed to retard the settlement of the Townships, but as they are amply detailed in a pamphlet, intituled, "*Le Canadien émigrant, ou pourquoi le Canadien-Français quitte-t-il le Bas-Canada?*" published on the thirty-first of March last, by the Reverend James Nelligan, *Curé*, and others, Missionaries in the Eastern Townships, I take the liberty of laying that document before the Committee. I could give no better answer than the contents of that pamphlet to the question now put to me, nor shall I say anything in addition thereto.