

SECOND REPORT

OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE

ON

IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION.

The Standing Committee on Immigration and Colonization beg leave to report that, in the report of the Committee on Immigration and Colonization of 1868, the clause of the "British America Act," conferring joint or concurrent jurisdiction on "Immigration into the Province," upon the Legislature of Canada and on all or any of the Provinces, included in the Confederacy, is quoted and thus commented upon;—

"These clauses seem to place every interest in connection with the public lands, and their settlement, beyond the purview of this Committee" and further that, "in order to avoid a conflict of authority, and to secure the efficiency of any general immigration scheme, it is necessary that there should be an understanding, and, consequently, co-operative action between the General and the Provincial Legislatures."

In conformity with the latter suggestion, proceedings have been taken which are thus reported, in certain documents which were submitted to the House of Commons, on the 26th of April last.

MINUTES OF ARRANGEMENTS.

"At a meeting of Delegates from the Government of Canada, and the Provincial Governments of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick on the 30th October, 1868, on the subject of Immigration, there were present:—

Sir John A. Macdonald, K.C.B., and the Hon. J. C. Chapais,
on behalf of the Government of the Dominion.

The Hon. John Carling and the Hon. E. B. Wood,
on behalf of the Government of Ontario.

The Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau and the Hon. Christopher Dunkin,
on behalf of the Province of Quebec.

The Hon. A. R. Wetmore and the Hon. Mr. Beckwith,
on behalf of the Government of New Brunswick.

After full discussion of the subject, the following propositions were agreed to, subject to the approval of the respective Governments:—

As the General Government receives the Emigrant Tax and is charged with the administration of the Quarantine Laws and the Establishment and Maintenance of Marine Hospitals and must of necessity be the means of communication with Her Majesty's Government on all the matters affecting emigration, it is agreed:—

1st. That the General Government shall establish and maintain at its expense an efficient Emigration office at London, England, and such other places in the United Kingdom, as the Government may from time to time think proper.