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The undersigned has, therefore, now the honor to recommend that Hon. Edward Willis be appointed, on behalf of the Government, to procure information as to the manufacturing industries in existence in the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, as regards the number of persons employed, the amount of capital invested, the output thereof, the date of establishment, and the progress of the several factories, and all such further particulars as will be of use in aiding the Government in legislating with reference to the same, and that he be paid the sum of \$5 a day for his services, from the 10th of June last until the date of the rendering of his report, such report to be rendered on or before the 1st day of January next.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. TILLEY, *Minister of Finance.*

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, Ottawa, 13th September, 1884.

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 14th September, 1884.

On a report dated 13th September, 1884, from the Minister of Finance, submitting that by an Order in Council, dated 5th May last, Mr. A. H. Blackeby was appointed to collect statistics respecting the manufacturing industries of Canada, and in order to allow sufficient opportunity for the proper consideration of his report before the meeting of Parliament next year, he was required to furnish such report on or before the 1st day of January next.

The Minister, considering, however, that the time allowed Mr. Blackeby was not sufficient to permit of his making thorough enquiries into the state of the factories in all parts of the Dominion, and that in order to get full information further assistance should be obtained, he, the Minister, entered into correspondence with Hon. Edward Willis, of St. John, N.B., and desired him to collect statistics with reference to the factories in the Maritime Provinces, similar to those Mr. Blackeby was making in Ontario and Quebec, and report to the Government the result of such enquiries on or before the 1st day of January next.

The Minister therefore recommends that Hon. Edward Willis be appointed, on behalf of the Government, to procure information as to the manufacturing industries in existence in the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, as regards the number of persons employed, the amount of capital invested, the output thereof, the date of establishment, and the progress of the several factories, and all such further particulars as will be of use in aiding the Government in legislating with reference to the same, and that he be paid the sum of \$5 a day for his services, from the 10th of June last until the date of his rendering his report, such report to be rendered on or before the 1st day of January next.

JOHN J. MCGEE, *Clerk, Privy Council.*

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, 23rd September, 1884.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you, that, by an Order in Council passed on the 4th inst., you are appointed, on behalf of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, to procure information as to the manufacturing industries in existence in the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion, as regards the number of persons employed the amount of capital invested, the output thereof, the date of establishment, and the progress of the several factories, and such further particulars as will be of use to the Government in connection with legislation with reference to the same, and to