

**R E P O R T**  
OF THE  
**SELECT COMMITTEE**  
ON THE  
**CULTIVATION OF THE VINE**  
IN CANADA.

COMMITTEE ROOM, HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
Ottawa, 8th May, 1868.

The Select Committee appointed to inquire into the desirableness and practicability of Cultivating the Vine and making Wine in Canada, beg leave to report:—

That they have given a careful consideration to the Evidence before them (which is appended hereto), and, having seen the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly of the late Province of Canada on the Cultivation of the Vine, presented to that House on the 17th of July, 1864, they concur in the opinions therein expressed. They are of opinion that vines may be grown and wine made with advantage in various parts of the Dominion, and that the establishment of this new branch of industry is of importance to the country, and is entitled to encouragement from the Government.

That after having examined the petition of D. W. Beadle, of St. Catharines, President of the Canada Vine Growers' Association, complaining of injuries sustained by the Association through the operation of the 171st section of the Inland Revenue Act, passed in the earlier part of the present Session (which was referred to them by Your Honorable House), and, having heard the explanations and evidence in support of the petition, they are of opinion that the prospects of the Association have been seriously and injuriously affected by the operation of the said 171st section, and that the application now made for relief is therefore entitled to a reasonable consideration at the hands of the Government.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN O'CONNOR,  
*Chairman.*

**MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.**

Mr. J. C. TACHÉ, Deputy of the Minister of Agriculture, examined:—

*Question 1.* Have you made the question of the Cultivation of the Vine and of the manufacture of products resulting therefrom the subject of your studies?—I have devoted some study to the Cultivation of the Vine, and to the manufacture of products resulting