

REPORT.

THE Special Committee to whom was referred the Petition of divers Printers and others, of *Montreal, Three-Rivers* and *Quebec*, with instructions to enquire into the annual receipts and expenditure of the Post Office Department of this Province, the amount transmitted by the said Department out of this Province, the Costs incurred in the transmitting of the several Mails within this Province, the necessity of the several Post-Offices within this Province, and also all such other matters connected therewith as may be necessary to convey to Your Honorable House full information of the management and affairs of the said Post Office Department; and also, to enquire into the sufficiency of the communication by Post in the country parts of the different Districts in this Province, Report:

Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition referred, and taken such information thereon as they could obtain, and on the matters contained in the Instructions of the House, the whole of which will be found in the Minutes of Evidence hereunto annexed.

The matters embraced in the references in addition to the Petition of divers Printers and others, complaining of the charges for transmitting Newspapers by Post, are:—

1st. The annual Receipts and Expenditure of the Post Office Department in this Province.

2nd. The amount of money remitted by the Department to *England*.

3rd. Cost of transporting the Mail.

4th. Receipts of the different Post Offices.

5th. General Management.

6th. Sufficiency or insufficiency of communications by Post in the different Districts of the Province.