

EVIDENCE ON Claim of Dr. Horne.

Robert C. Horne, sworn.—Says that the house and premises, with their contents, as set forth in the claim which he presents to the Board, were, with the exceptions therein named, his property, and that the same were destroyed by fire by the rebels on the 5th December 1837; to the best of this deponent's knowledge and belief, the amount claimed by him, as set forth in this his claim, is just and true in all its particulars, and that the several items therein mentioned are charged at a fair and reasonable value. The articles noticed, as exceptions in his account, were in his house at the time of its destruction, and the two sons (minor children) of the late Benjamin Whitney, esq., were residing with deponent and under his charge at the time; the clothes of these two boys were destroyed in the house, and to the best of this deponent's knowledge, would amount in value to the sum of 25*l.* currency. The articles of furniture and books included in his claim belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Whitney, would amount, to the best of his belief, to the sum of 100*l.* currency, making in all the sum of 125*l.* currency. With respect to the clothes and money of servants destroyed in the house, the value of about 7*l.* 10*s.* currency were the personal property of this deponent; the remainder of the items charged in the account belonged to a male and female servant in his employ at that time.

(signed) *R. C. Horne.*

Sworn before us, at Toronto, this 24th December 1838.

(signed) *Alexander Wood,*
Robert Stanton, } Commissioners.
Thomas Carfrae,

John Ewart, sworn.—This deponent was formerly owner of the premises set forth in this claim; he sold them to Dr. Horne, delivering him the dwelling-house in a finished state; it was finished in good style. Deponent was called upon, together with Mr. Ritchey, last winter, to make an estimate of the value by a Committee of the House of Assembly; their estimate, as he recollects, was stated at 950*l.* currency, which amount was subsequently increased 100*l.* in consideration of additions and improvements made by Dr. Horne subsequently to his purchase of the premises from this deponent. The total value of the buildings destroyed by the rebels, to the best of this deponent's knowledge and belief, is of the value of 1,050*l.* currency.

(signed) *John Ewart.*

Sworn before us, at Toronto, this 24th December 1838.

(signed) *Alexander Wood,*
Robert Stanton, } Commissioners.
Thomas Carfrae,

John Ritchey, sworn.—Knows the premises set forth in this claim; is a carpenter, and worked upon the house previous to its delivery to Dr. Horne; it was well finished, and with the additions and improvements since made by Dr. Horne, corroborates the value as stated by Mr. Ewart, that to the best of his knowledge and belief the premises were fairly worth 1,050*l.* currency.

(signed) *John Ritchey.*

Sworn before us, at Toronto, this 24th December 1838.

(signed) *Alexander Wood,*
Robert Stanton, } Commissioners.
Thomas Carfrae,

No. 3.—CLAIM of *Margaret Washburn.*

Sir,

Toronto, 31 January 1839.

HEREWITH I enclose you the amended statement of the property destroyed, belonging to Mrs. Washburn, signed by herself.

You will perceive I have altered it to a certain extent, on account of circumstances which I was not aware of previously.

(signed) *Josh. C. Morrison,*

Agent to the Estate of the late Simon Washburn, Esq.

Alexander Wood, Esq.
Chairman, Board of Claims.