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A Motion being made and seconded, That the Petition of *D. Mackenzie* and others, of the County of *Antigonish, Nova Scotia*, presented on Monday last, praying for aid to deepen the Harbor of *Antigonish*, be now received ;

Mr. Speaker ruled, That "this Petition cannot be received, as the granting of the prayer thereof would involve the expenditure of Public Money."

A Motion being made and seconded, That the Petition of Major *Bernard* of *Douglas Town*, in the County of *Gaspé*, presented on Monday last, praying for a pension for military services, be now received ;

Mr. Speaker ruled, That "this Petition cannot be received, as the granting of the prayer thereof would involve the expenditure of Public Money."

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Senate, by their Clerk, as followeth :—

The Senate have passed the Bill, intituled : "An Act to correct a clerical error in the Act respecting malicious injuries to property," without any amendment.

Mr. *Brousseau*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, beg leave to submit, as their third Report,

The Report of their Sub-Committee, appointed to Audit the Printing Accounts, together with the Report of the Clerk of the Committee on the Printing Services of the past year ; and the "Printing Account Annual Balance Sheet ;" all of which they respectfully recommend to the consideration of both Houses.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
30th April, 1872.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
26th April, 1872.

The Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, appointed to Audit the Printing Accounts, and to whom was also referred the Clerk's Report on the services of the past year, together with the Annual Balance Sheet, beg leave to report as follows :—

The Balance Sheet was examined and found to be correct ; each item was verified by a voucher, and the several expenditures by accounts in detail, receipted in full—the Audit of which was satisfactory.

The Sub-Committee had also before them a fyle of all the documents printed during the past year ; they tested the measurements and charges of several, and are satisfied as to their correctness. They also examined the Bank Book, and found the sums deposited to agree with the warrants issued.

The Ledger shews the state of account for each service separately, and is satisfactory.

Four Parliamentary Binderies having been destroyed by fire, shews the necessity of every precaution being taken to ensure the safety of the contents ; the Committee would beg to express their approval of the prudence which prompted the removal of the printed