

root, tobacco and other useful plants which offer an abundant supply of the raw material for manufacturers and industry, and also that a duty may be imposed on foreign Agricultural products.

Of the Northern Extension Railways Company ; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to enter into an agreement for the amalgamation of their Railway with the Northern Railway Company of *Canada*.

Mr. *Stephenson*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented to the House the Second 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

SECOND 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, 27th March, 1873.

The Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, appointed to audit the Printing Account, 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 entry, both on the debtor and creditor sides, was verified by a proper voucher. The several expenditures were also verified by accounts in detail, and receipted in full ; the audit of which was entirely satisfactory.

The Sub-Committee had also before them a file of all the documents printed during the past year. They tested the measurements and charges of several, and found them correct.

The several Books of Account, as well as the Bank Book, were also examined and found correct.

The Sub-Committee would recommend that at least six months' supply of printing paper be kept on hand, so as to insure as much as possible uniformity of colour and quality.

The Sub-Committee, in investigating the statement in the Clerk's Report as to the delivery of Parliamentary documents being retarded during the Recess, deemed it advisable to request the contractor for the printing, Mr. *Taylor*, to be present. In his explanation, he stated that the work as a whole having been performed within the usual time, as in former years, was all that was necessary. The Sub-Committee would recommend that Mr. *Taylor* be notified that the work must be proceeded with, without intermission, during the Recess, as the Clerk may direct, using all diligence to have the whole finished as expeditiously as possible.

The Sub-Committee find that the Binding is not equal to what has been contracted for ; but the fact of the contractor having suffered from his premises being destroyed by fire, by which he lost nearly all his material and machinery, and his having an accumulation of work at the time, may be accepted as an excuse. They recommend, however, that he be notified that his work in future must be according to contract.

With regard to the paragraph in the Clerk's Report relating to the expiry of the present printing contracts, the Sub-Committee deem it advisable to make a special report at a future day.

The Sub-Committee would earnestly recommend that the attention of the Department of Public Works should be called to the necessity of providing storage room in the vaults of this building exclusively for the use of the Printing Department, and sufficient