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 MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

 HOUSE OF COMMONS, COMMITTEE ROOM,  
 Friday, 14th March, 1890.

The Select Committee appointed to enquire into the statements made in reference to furs taken from Charles Bremner met.

## PRESENT :

Messrs. McNeill,	Casgrain,
Tisdale,	Holton,
Wood (Westmoreland),	Lister, and
Girouard,	Kirkpatrick.
Weldon (St. John),	

On motion of Mr. Tisdale, Mr. McNeill was chosen Chairman.

Mr. McNeill took the Chair, and the Order of Reference was then read, as follows:—

 HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
 Monday, 10th March, 1890.

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statements made in reference to furs taken from Charles Bremner, a Half-breed residing at Battleford, and that said Committee be composed of Messrs. McNeill, Tisdale, Wood (Westmoreland), Girouard, Weldon (St. John), Casgrain, Holton, Lister and Kirkpatrick—the last two mentioned without power of voting; and that the Committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to employ a short-hand writer to take down evidence, and that it is desirable that any witness to be examined by the Committee should be examined on oath.

Attest,

 J. G. BOURINOT,  
*Clerk of the House.*

The Committee then discussed the Order of Reference, and it was agreed that Mr. Lister should prepare a statement of the charges and submit the same to the Committee at its next meeting, and that a copy of such statement, when prepared, be communicated to General Middleton and to Hayter Reed, so that they may be in a position to reply to the same either in person or in writing.

The Committee then adjourned until Wednesday next at 11 a.m.

 COMMITTEE ROOM,  
 Wednesday, 19th March, 1890.

Committee met.

## PRESENT :

Mr. McNeil in the Chair. Messrs. Tisdale, Wood (Westmoreland), Girouard, Weldon (St. John), Casgrain, Holton, Lister, and Kirkpatrick.  
 General Middleton and Mr. Hayter Reed were in attendance.

Pursuant to the agreement arrived at by the Committee at its last meeting, Mr. Lister submitted the following statement of the charges made against General Middleton, which was read. (For this statement, see page 1 of the minutes of evidence).

Mr. Lister was heard in reference to his statement going beyond the charges specified in the Order of Reference.

On motion of Mr. Wood (Westmoreland), it was

*Ordered*, That paragraph 3 and sub-paragraphs *a*, *b*, and *c*, of Mr. Lister's statement, be struck out, as being beyond the Order of Reference, and the Committee not being authorized to investigate the same.

Messrs. Payne and Burrows, shorthand reporters, were present, for the purpose of taking down the evidence given before the Committee, and were sworn to take down and transcribe faithfully the same.