

NO. 18.

REPORT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE ON POSTAL SERVICE IN THE COLONY.

Your Committee appointed to enquire into the matter of the Postal Service of the interior of the Colony, and the rates of Postage on letters carried within the Colony, having availed themselves of all the information on the subject at their command, have the honor to report:

1. That your Committee are unanimously of opinion that it is impracticable to depend at present on an Express Company alone for the carriage of all letters within the Colony as Express matter.

2. That in the opinion of the majority of your Committee, it is advisable to pay a subsidy to Messrs. Dietz and Nelson of \$25,000 per annum for three years, for the carriage of the Mails between New Westminster and Cariboo, on the conditions set forth in clauses 1, 2, and 5 of the advertisement for tenders for such Mail Service, issued by the Postmaster General, on the 11th January, 1867, except that the Mail be carried once a month only during the winter months.

3. That the rates of postage be $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents per single letter on all letters passing through the Post Office, and $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents additional on all letters carried between Yale or Douglas and Cariboo and intermediate points, or *vice versa*.

4. That a sum not exceeding \$3000 be appropriated for the conveyance of the Mails between Seymour and the Big Bend and Hope and Kootenay, or *vice versa*, in such a manner as may be found most advisable.

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH, Chairman.

Council Chamber, New Westminster,
4th March, 1867.