

## REPORT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, 15th April, 1889.

The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to present the following as their second report :—

Your Committee have had under consideration the accounts for general immigration expenses rendered by Mr. Henry Smyth, and set forth on page C—157 of the Auditor General's report for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1888; and for the information of the House submit herewith the evidence taken, and the papers laid before them, in connection with the said accounts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. RYKERT, *Chairman.*

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, 2nd April, 1889.

Committee met; Mr. Rykert in the chair.

HENRY SMYTH, of Chatham, Ont., called and examined :

*By Mr. Somerville :*

1. I understand that you were appointed an agent by the Immigration Department some time during 1887? 1887?
2. Yes; 1887. At what time were you appointed? 'I really quite forget. At this stage Mr. Taylor asked for the exclusion of Mr. Campbell, M.P., who was to be called.
3. Do you remember the date of your appointment? I do not.
4. Have you any memorandum or means of ascertaining when you were appointed? I might at home; but I have not here.
5. Have you none in your possession? None.
6. I understand from this memorandum that you were appointed on the 1st of May at \$100 per month and \$2 per day living allowance and actual travelling expenses? Yes; 1887.
7. When did you commence the discharge of the duties of the office? Immediately after getting the appointment.
8. I see by this account that your first charge is made on the 11th of June? That is not correct.
9. Did you render an account with dates prior to that? I rendered an account, but I do not know whether the dates were copied into the account or not; but I rendered for my work in the county of Essex.
10. When did you commence there? Immediately on getting the appointment.
11. I see you have charged a number of items for work done in Essex again in June? I think there was an account prior to that, which account was dated.
12. I asked for all the accounts and the Auditor General returned these.  
THE AUDITOR GENERAL.—I returned all the accounts connected with that year.
- MR. SOMERVILLE.—May would be in that year.
- THE AUDITOR GENERAL.—No; May, 1887, would be in the fiscal year 1886.
13. I see you had expenses in the county of Essex. What were you doing in the county of Essex? I was circulating immigration literature. I followed an