

Monday, 12th May, 1862.

COMMITTEE MET.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

JOHN SIMPSON, Esq., CHAIRMAN.

Mr. BENJAMIN,
Mr. CHAPAIS,
Mr. DESAULNIERS,
Mr. DUNSFORD,
Hon. Mr. FOLEY,
Mr. HAULTAIN,
Mr. HOWLAND,
Mr. JACKSON,
Mr. JOBIN,
Hon. Mr. J. S. MACDONALD,
Mr. McDougall,
Mr. POPE,
Mr. SIMARD,
Mr. STARNES,
Mr. STREET, and
Mr. WHITE,

John Langton, Esquire, was in attendance.

W. Ford, Esquire, of the Crown Land Department, and *J. Baine*, Esquire, of the Department of Public Works, were present in obedience to summons of Committee.

On motion of Mr. *McDougall*,

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* do furnish the Committee with a statement, showing the gross amount charged for contingencies in each of the Public Departments for each year since 1852, inclusive, classified under the different heads.

On motion of Mr. *Howland*,

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* do furnish the Committee with a comparative statement of the total annual Revenue and Expenditure of the Province since 1855 and inclusive of that year, distinguishing the different sources of each, but omitting therefrom all receipts on account of Loans. Also a statement of payments and receipts on account of Loans as a distinct statement.

Mr. *Langton* was further Examined.

[By Mr. *McDougall*.]

Ques. 4. The Committee observe that in answer to the Public Accounts Committee of 1858, Mr. *Harrington* stated that he exercised no control on the expenditure for contingencies, but paid such as he was "ordered," and "two or three years after the Union, the Heads of Departments began to obtain separate orders in Council for themselves, which increased the amount." Has there been any change of system since?

Ques. 5. Is there any check in your Department on this Expenditure?

Ques. 6. Can you suggest any means of preventing the large increase in expenditure under the head of Contingencies?