

and Messrs. Boulter, Creighton, Deroche, Grange, and O'Donoghue.

Mr. Notman, the Queen's Printer, was examined relative to the payments made on account of the printing contract between the Ontario Government and the firm of Hunter, Rose, & Co. He stated that he had deprived the contractors of all the "fat" he possibly could, and the only exception was in the case of the Votes and Proceedings. True, the Bills were paid for anew every time they were printed, but there were usually so many alterations to be made (and even those alterations were to be set in italics) that it would scarcely pay the contractors to keep the "matter" standing. The printing accounts for departmental work had been paid monthly at the advanced rates, merely for convenience in keeping the departmental accounts and preparing the estimates; but a drawback sufficiently large to cover the difference between the contract prices at 28 cents per thousand ems for composition and forty cents (the advanced rates) on both departmental and sessional printing had been made on the payments for the latter. From January 1st, 1875, till the 1st of May, 1877, the total increase over the contract prices for departmental printing was \$1,564 38; parliamentary or sessional printing, \$3,277 44; *Ontario Gazette*, \$1,182 18. A sum sufficiently large to cover these amounts had been retained. The difference between the contract and advanced rates on printing the Revised Statutes was \$1,239 09.

The Committee then adjourned till Monday morning.