REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

CLAIMS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS COMPANY.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of the British Columbia Express Company, for services rendered to the late Deputy Superintendent of Education and Mr. R. B. Harper, Mining Engineer, have the honour to report as follows:—

Your Committee are of opinion, with regard to the first recited claim, that the British Columbia Express Company are entitled to the fare for the travelling expenses of the late Deputy Superintendent of Education on his return to Victoria on the expiration of his duties as Deputy Superintendent of Education, as his commission was issued in Victoria, and it was necessary for him to return to Victoria and report to the head of the department.

And with regard to the second recited claim, that the British Columbia Express Company are entitled to the down fare of Mr. R. B. Harper from Barkerville to Victoria, by reason of an agreement made by Her Majesty's Consul in San Francisco, under the instructions of the then Provincial Secretary, bearing date 31st May, 1877, to the effect that the travelling expenses of Mr. R. B. Harper should be defrayed by the Government of British Columbia.

> GEO. B. MARTIN, Chairman.

April 18th, 1883.

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