That every Election of the Superintendent, or of a Member of the Provincial Council of a Province, shall be conducted, mutatis mutandis, in manner prescribed by the laws having reference to the Election of Members of the House of Representatives.

Secondly in reference to Clauses 6 and 7.

That the Provincial Councils ought to be Judges in the first instance, of the validity of the

Election of the Members thereof, subject to an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Your Committee further recommend the addition to this Bill of a clause, defining the qualification

of Superintendents, and Members of the Provincial Councils.

The various formal amendments proposed, are indicated in the copy of the Bills appended to this Report.

House of Representatives, 2nd July, 1858. C. W. RICHMOND.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1858.

Committee met at 11 a.m.

Members present :-

Mr. Richmond

" Ollivier

Mr. Carleton ,, Packer

" East

Mr. Richmond in the chair. The Order Reference read—

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Ollivier,

Resolved,-That the consideration of Electoral Bill No. 1 be postponed.

Committee read and considered Bills No. 2, 3, and 4.

The Committee adjourned to next day at noon.

C. W. RICHMOND.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1858.

Committee met.

Members present :-

Mr. Richmond

" Merriman

" Beckham

" East

Mr. Ollivier " Packer

Carleton

Mr. Richmond in the chair.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and confirmed.

Committee read and considered Electoral Bills Nos. 5 and 6.

Committee then adjourned to Monday, the 19th April, at noon.

C. W. RICHMOND.

Monday, April 19, 1858.

Committee met.

Present :-

Mr. Richmond

" Ollivier

" Carleton

Mr. Beckham

" East

" Packer

Mr. Richmond in the chair.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and confirmed.

Electoral Bill No. 2 considered, with regard to the principles involved.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.
Clause 2 read. Moved by Mr. Ollivier:—

That the clause do stand.

Moved by Mr. Carleton, by way of amendment:—

That in lieu of the words "1860, and in every third year afterwards," the following words be inserted:—"In the year 1863, and thenceforth in every 5th year." Carried.

Moved by Mr. Carleton:-

That the clause as amended do stand. Carried.

Moved by way of resolution by Mr. East in reference to clause 3:—
"That the number of members apportioned to a district shall be according to the number of Electors, and not according to the number of votes possessed by the Electors."

Moved by way of amendment by Mr. Carleton:—

That the consideration of clause 3 be postponed.