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# LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

(REPORT OF THE).

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## ORDER OF REFERENCE.

*Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives.*

WEDNESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JULY, 1890.

*Resolved*, "That a Committee be appointed to consider and report on the question of local government; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Dr. Hodgkinson, Mr. F. Mackenzie, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Tanner, Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. Lawry, Mr. O'Connor, the Hon. Mr. Bryce, Mr. Saunders, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. FERGUS.)

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## REPORT.

THE Local Government Committee have the honour to report that, owing to the advanced stage of the session when it was set up, allowing of so little time for maturely considering a subject of such magnitude and importance, and to the press of other public business, they can only report briefly.

1. Your Committee believe the present state of local government to be unsatisfactory, and they think that local bodies having separate elections and distinct powers are too numerous, but that with reduced numbers and extended areas the remaining bodies should have extended duties and powers conferred upon them, to enable them to discharge such functions as are now performed by Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards, Education Boards, Land Boards, Licensing Committees, Stock Department, &c.

2. That the financial position of local bodies should be established on an assured basis, avoiding fluctuation and uncertainty as far as possible.

11th September, 1890.

SAMUEL HODGKINSON,  
Chairman.

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