REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

ADMINISTRATION OF INTESTATE ESTATES.

Copy of Resolution passed 11th January, 1884:-

"That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that an Act be introduced for the "purpose of providing a better system for the administration of the estates of Intestates in "the Province, and that the following Committee be appointed to draft and submit the same, "viz.:—Messrs. T. Davie, Dunsmuir, Galbraith, Pooley, Semlin, and the mover."

MR. SPEAKER.

Your Committee have the honour to report that it is advisable that a semi-annual statement should be published by the Government, in the Gazette, of all moneys in their hands belonging to intestate estates paid in by official or other administrators, specifying the different estate and the amount to the credit of each.

And that an account, made up to the 31st December in each year, should be presented to the House, to be bound up with the Sessional Papers, showing the names of the various estates and the balances standing to the credit on that date.

That all estates in the hands of the official or other administrator should be wound-up in one year from the date of the administration, and the balance paid into the Treasury within that date, unless ordered otherwise by the Supreme Court, or a Judge thereof, or unless a substantial claim to the balance has been made prior to that date.

31st January, 1884.

CHAS. E. Pooley, Chairman.