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FROM THE

SELECT (JOINT) COMMITTEE

ON THE

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

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THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE have the honor to report to your Honorable House, as follows :—

The Honorable the Speaker having stated to your Committee that many Members of the Assembly had complained of the defective system adopted for lighting and ventilating the Assembly Chamber, your Committee have agreed to make the following recommendations, viz. :—

1. That the reflectors (inside the Chamber) be replaced by white enamelled ones, and the gasaliers shaded by baskets made of spangles and drops.
2. That a second ceiling be constructed in the corridors in the basement, under the Assembly Chamber at the springing of the groins, the compartments thus formed to have openings to the external air and to be the full size of the present external fanlights.
3. That apertures, whose aggregate area shall be equal to that of the outside inlets, be made under the seats in the Chamber in the tops of the compartments formed by the two ceilings.
4. That the uprising zinc pipes connecting the tubes in the side pilasters in the Chamber be cut immediately under the floor, so as to open into the air space under the side seats ; the tubes in the fluting of the side pilasters to have their curved tops removed.
5. That the mouth of each tube entering the air chamber beneath the Assembly floor be fitted with a wrought iron venetian blind to regulate the admission of air ; and that double doors be placed at each entrance to the Chamber.
6. That the ventilators in the floor of the Chamber be removed, and the ceiling in the basement be made good.
7. That tubes having a superficial area at least equal to that of the inlets into the Chamber be placed above the reflectors for the escape of the foul air ; such tubes to be made after models tested in the colony and approved.
8. That, as an additional means of ventilation, the partition, at the west end of the Chamber, which separates the strangers' gallery from the room occupied by the Clerk of Private Bills be taken down ; the accommodation for strangers being enlarged so as to take in the space thus left.
9. That the front row of seats in each of the galleries known as the " Council " and " Speaker's " gallery respectively be removed.

Committee-room,  
2nd June 1875.