

Accordingly the Members went to attend His Excellency in the Senate Chamber; Where being,

The Honorable the Speaker of the Senate said :—

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen of the House of Commons;

His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of His summoning the present Parliament of the Dominion of *Canada* until a Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law, but that to-morrow, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of His calling this Parliament.

And the Members being returned,

The Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, Member representing the Electoral District of *Kingston*, addressing himself to the Clerk (who standing up, pointed to him and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, the Honorable *James Cockburn*, which motion was seconded by the Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, Member representing the Electoral District of *Montreal East*.

And the question being called for, "That the Honorable *James Cockburn* do take the Chair of this House as Speaker," it was accordingly put by the Clerk, and

*Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That the Honorable *James Cockburn* do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

And the Clerk having declared the Honorable *James Cockburn* duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by the Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* and the Honorable Mr. *Cartier*, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him, by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid upon the Table.

Then the Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cartier*,

That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock, P. M.

And the House accordingly adjourned.

Thursday, 7th November, 1867.

The House being met, and the Speaker elect having taken the Chair, *Napoléon Casault*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Bellechasse*; the Honorable *George Irvine*, Member for the Electoral District of *Megantic*; *Joseph Whitehead*, Esquire, Member for the North Riding of the County of *Huron*; and *George Sylvain*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Rimouski*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took their seats in the House.

A Message was brought by *René Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, went to the Senate Chamber :—

And there Mr. Speaker spoke to the following effect, viz. ;

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Commons have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Commons, whose servant I am, and