

present Government would be governed by a sense of what was right in the interests of the people, and in a fair representation of all parts of the Dominion.

Moved by Hon. Mr. SCOTT, seconded by Hon. Mr. Bureau, That the Committee appointed to superintend the printing of this House, during the present session of Parliament, be instructed to act on behalf of this House with the Committee of the House of Commons, as a joint committee of both Houses on the subject of printing, as desired by the House of Commons in their message of Wednesday, the 8th instant.

The Speaker said he had the honour to submit the following resolution from the House of Commons:—"That a message be sent to the Senate informing their honors that this House has appointed the Hon. Messieurs. McKenzie, Abbott, Cartwright, Cameron, (Cardwell), Cauchon, Dorion, Holton, Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, Hon. Messrs. Smith, (Westmoreland,) Tupper, and Messrs. Baby, Brouse, Delorme, Frechette, Kirkpatrick, Laflamme, Mills and Young to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned; and to act as members of a joint committee of both Houses on the Library.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. SCOTT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Bureau, that the Library Committee as already constituted be appointed a committee to assist his Honor the Speaker in the direction of the Library, and to act on behalf of this House as members of a joint committee of both Houses on the Library as desired by the House of Commons in their message received this day.

These motions were adopted, and it was then resolved on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Scott, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Bureau that the foregoing resolutions be communicated to the House of Commons by one of the Masters in Chancery.

The House then adjourned on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Scott, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Bureau.

FRIDAY, April 10.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The House sat with closed doors until 4 o'clock. When the public business commenced, a large number of petitions were presented, most of which were in favour of a prohibitory liquor law, some for acts of incorporation, and others for the amend-

ment of the tariff and the establishment of a permanent tariff to protect Canadian manufactures. These were presented by the Honourable Messrs. Skead, McMaster, Alexander, Penny, Scott, and the Speaker. The reading of sundry petitions was afterwards proceeded with; after which

Hon Mr. SIMPSON submitted the following report:—

"Committee Room, 10th of April, 1874. The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, beg leave to submit the following as their first report:—The Committee beg to recommend that their quorum be reduced to nine members, all of which is respectfully submitted." He might state, on presenting this report, that the Committee originally consisted of twenty members, but they had reached the number of thirty, and it was now thought advisable that the quorum be nine. He believed that it would be for the convenience of both Houses that this should be adopted now. They meet again for business on Monday, and he thought they ought to adopt the recommendation of the Committee that the quorum be nine. He therefore moved that the report be adopted; seconded by Mr. Aikins.

The SPEAKER then put the question as follows:—"That the Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament on printing, be reduced to nine members as a quorum."

The motion was adopted.

Hon. Mr. Simpson then moved that the report as presented, be now adopted, and on being seconded, it was agreed to *nem. con.*

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE, who spoke in French, wanted to have all reports read in French as well as in English, as it was not convenient to all the members that the reports and recommendations of Committees should be read in English only.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DESJ. JUST said that no doubt the Chief Clerk would read any document in French as well as in English when it was applied for in the French language. If, however, it were found to be any inconvenience for the Chief Clerk to do so, it would be the duty of the Senate to provide other means for the translation.

Hon. Mr. SIMPSON said that for the future he would endeavor to arrange that the reports be made in duplicate, and that all inconvenience would be avoided.

Hon. Mr. BUREAU complained that the reports were not received as early as they should be, and he considered that it was a matter of importance that all reports should be delivered in good time.