

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 1st MAY, 1891.

PRAYERS.

One hundred and fifty Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The Speaker informed The House, that the Clerk of The House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a certificate of the election and return of Paul Vilmond Savard, Esq., for the Electoral District of Chicoutimi and Saguenay.

Mr. Bowell moved, That a Select Committee be appointed to supervise the Official Report of the Debates of this House during the present Session, with power to report from time to time; to be composed of Messrs. Béchard, Cameron (Inverness), Charlton, Davin, Desjardins (Hochelaga), Innes, LaRivière, Prior, Scriver, Skinner, Somerville, Taylor, Weldon and White (Cardwell).

And a Debate arising, the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

The House proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Mr. Hazen moved, seconded by Mr. Corbould, that it be Resolved,—That a humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session; and, further, to assure His Excellency:—

1. That we thank him for welcoming us to the duties of the first Session of a new Parliament, which we hope with him will be memorable for wise deliberations and for measures adapted to the progress and development of Canada.

2. That we receive with much pleasure His Excellency's intimation that the season in which we are assembled has opened auspiciously for the industries of our people, and that we unite with him in the hope that their labours may be crowned with fruitful returns from land and sea, and that the great resources of Canada may continue to reward the toil and enterprise of its inhabitants.

3. That we are pleased to be informed that His Excellency's advisers, availing themselves of opportunities which were presented in the closing months of last year, caused the Administration of the United States to be reminded of the willingness of the Government of Canada to join in making efforts for the extension and development of the trade between the Republic and the Dominion, as well as for the friendly adjustment of those matters of an international character which remain unsettled; that we learn with great satisfaction that these representations have resulted in an assurance that, in October next, the Government of the United States