

learn that His Excellency has been officially informed by the Secretary of State that Her Majesty's Ministers will be prepared to introduce a Bill for that purpose into the Imperial Parliament, so soon as they shall have been notified that the proposal has received the sanction of the Legislatures representing the several Provinces affected by it:

And to assure His Excellency that this subject, which he has been pleased to commend to our attention, and the importance of which to ourselves and to our descendants it is impossible to exaggerate, shall receive from this House the calm, earnest and impartial consideration which His Excellency claims for it.

To convey to His Excellency a sense of the profound respect with which this House has received the assurance of his conviction that with the public men of *British North America* it now rests to decide whether the vast tract of country which they inhabit shall be consolidated into a State, combining within its area all the elements of National greatness, providing for the security of its component parts, and contributing to the strength and stability of the Empire; or whether the several Provinces of which it is constituted shall remain in their present fragmentary and isolated condition, comparatively powerless for mutual aid, and incapable of undertaking their proper share of Imperial responsibility.

To unite with His Excellency in fervently praying that in the discussion of an issue of such moment, our minds may be guided to conclusions which shall redound to the honor of our Sovereign, and to the welfare of Her subjects.

The first paragraph of the said Resolution being again read,

The Honorable Mr. *McPherson* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bossé*,

That the same be adopted.

After a long debate,

On motion of the Honorable Sir *E. P. Taché*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Campbell*,  
it was

*Ordered*, That further debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Sir *E. P. Taché*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*,

The House adjourned.

## Tuesday, 24th January, 1865.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable ULRIC JOSEPH TESSIER, Speaker.

### The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Olivier,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Leslie,</i>	<i>Perry,</i>
<i>Archambault,</i>	<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Letellier de St. Just,</i>	<i>Proulx,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Mc Crea,</i>	<i>Prud'homme,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Belleau, Sir N. F.,</i>	<i>De Beaujeu,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Bennett,</i>	<i>Duchesnay, E. H. J.,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Blake,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Malhiot,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bossé,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Foster,</i>	<i>Mills,</i>	<i>Taché, Sir E. P.,</i>
<i>Bull,</i>	<i>Gingras,</i>	<i>Moore,</i>	<i>Vidal.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>		