

from the House of Commons requesting the co-operation of this House in the formation of a Joint Committee of both Houses, on the subject of the Printing of Parliament, and informing the Senate that the members of the Select Standing Committee on Printing, viz.: Messrs. Bowell, Bourassa, Church, De lorme, De Veber, Dymond, Goudge, Lanthier, Laird, Ross (Middlesex), Ross (Prince Edward), Stephenson, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), and Wallace (Norfolk), will act as members of said Joint Committee on Printing.

Whereupon HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST moved, seconded by HON. MR. SCOTT, the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That the Hon. Messrs. Aikins, Haythorne, Carrall, Bellerose, Miller, Bureau, Wilmot, Penny, Macfarlane, Simpson, Cochrane, Ferrier, Reesor and Fabre, be appointed a Committee to superintend the printing of this House during the present Session, and 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.

Upon this Motion being put,

HON. MR. CAMPBELL objected to the name of Hon. Mr. Fabre, because, as yet, he was not sworn in, and the Senate was not supposed to know anything of his commission before it was presented and read.

HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST, in support of the Motion before the Chair, cited precedents from May's "*Parliamentary Practice*." A discussion then ensued, in which several Hon. Members took part, which, however, terminated in the substitution of the name of the Hon. Mr. Scott, in the place of that of the Hon. Mr. Fabre.

The Motion was then put and carried.

HON. MR. DICKEY, as Chairman of the Committee appointed to enquire into the best mode of obtaining correct reports of the proceedings of this House, submitted a Report to the effect, "That the Committee had appointed a Sub-Committee, for all the purposes of their order of reference, and had instructed such Sub-Committee to procure tenders for the Reporting and Printing

of the Debates and Proceedings of the Senate for the present Session."

The Report was then, upon motion of the HON. MR. DICKEY, seconded by the HON. MR. PENNY, received and adopted, and the House adjourned until to-morrow, (Friday), 12th instant, at three, P.M.

Friday, February 12, 1875.

ANSWER TO ADDRESS.

After routine,

HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST presented the following Answer of His Excellency the Governor General to the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency at the opening of the present Session.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

I thank you heartily for your Address, and for the assurance of support which it contains. I rely with confidence on your assistance to advance the interests of the Dominion.

Government House,

February 14th, 1875.

MESSAGES.

HON. MR. SCOTT presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, accompanied by correspondence in relation to the Act of last Session, relating to the Construction and Maintenance of Submarine Telegraphs;

Also, a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, with copies of correspondence which had taken place on the subject of the non-fulfilment of the Terms of Union with the Province of British Columbia;

Also, a Message, with correspondence which had taken place with the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relating to the commutation of the sentence of death passed on Ambroise Lepine, for the murder of Thomas Scott, at Fort Garry.

ST. PETER'S CANAL.

HON. MR. MILLER said the Question he was about to ask the Government related to a subject in which the people of Cape Breton took a very deep interest. The Canal at St. Peter's, in the County of Richmond, was almost