

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.

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the Senate said :

MR. SPEAKER :—

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to assure you that your words and actions will constantly receive from him the most favorable construction.

The House having returned,—

PRAYERS.

John C. Wade, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Digby*; *Zéphirin Desiré* alias *Xavier Desiré Bourbeau*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*; *Jacques Malouin*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Quebec Centre*; *François Xavier Ovide Méthot*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Nicolet*; and the Honorable *Peter Mitchell*, Member for the Electoral District of *Northumberland (N.B.)*, were severally introduced to the House.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received from the Honorable Mr. Justice *Bossé*, one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874, Judgment relating to the Election—
For the Electoral District of *Beauce*.

And the same was read, and ordered to be entered on the Journals of this House, as follows :—

(Translation.)

BEAUCE CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

CANADA,
Province of *Quebec*,
District of *Beauce*. }

Superior Court.

THE DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT, 1874, AND AMENDMENTS.

GODFROY BERNARD, *et al*,

Petitioners.

vs.

JOSEPH BOLDOC,

Respondent.

The twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

PRESENT :

The HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE JOSEPH NOEL BOSSÉ.

The Court having heard the parties in this case by their respective Counsel upon the motion of the Respondent for the rejection of the Election Petition of the said Petitioners, and examined the proceedings and the documents of the record :

Whereas the said Election Petition was presented in Court on the first day of December last, and that the time for the trial thereof has not yet been fixed; that