

the room and stead of *Thomas McCarthy*, Esquire, who, since his Election as the Representative of the said Electoral District of *Richelieu*, hath departed this life; *Georges Isidore Barthe*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ, dated the twenty-first day of the month of November last past, which is now lodged of Record in my Office.

EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, *Canada*.

To *Wm. B. Lindsay* Esquire,
Clerk of the House of Commons of *Canada*, *Ottawa*.

Adolphe Tourangeau, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Quebec East*; *Louis Delorme*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *St. Hyacinthe*; *George Moffatt*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Restigouche (New Brunswick)*; *Leveret DeVeber Chipman*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *King's*; *Georges Isidore Barthe*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Richelieu*; and the Honorable *Charles Tupper*, C.B., Member for the Electoral District of *Cumberland*, having previously taken the Oath, according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took their seats in the House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the administration of Oaths of Office.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time.

Mr. Speaker reported, That when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor General this day, in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, as followeth :—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,
Gentlemen of the House of Commons,—

I have much satisfaction in meeting you at this, the usual and most convenient season of the year, and under the present auspicious circumstances of the Country.

The hope I was sanguine enough to express at the close of the last Session, that no further attempt would be made to disturb our frontier, was doomed to early disappointment. The Session had scarcely closed when lawless bands assembled within the *United States* in great numbers, and renewed the menace of invasion. They ventured to cross the border at two points, but were promptly met and repelled. So complete and humiliating was the repulse, that the invaders lost heart and hope, threw away quantities of arms, and fell back to encumber the villages in their rear, with their starving and demoralized masses. Our Militia rallied at the first call to arms with praiseworthy alacrity, and the spirit which pervades the country, swelled their numbers with volunteers from all quarters. The gallantry displayed and the success achieved, have been duly recognized by the highest Military authority, and honored in gratifying terms of appreciation, by Her Most Gracious Majesty. In maintaining the Militia on active duty, the Government incurred an outlay to a considerable amount beyond what was provided by the votes of last Session. The accounts of the entire expenditure for the defence of the frontier will be laid before you, and I feel confident that you will pass a bill to indemnify the Government.

My anticipations of success in regard to the Act passed for the Government of *Manitoba*, and the North West Territories, and in regard to the Military Expedition, which it was necessary to despatch, have been fortunately realized. The troops surmounted the