

country, and the fortunate issue of the steps taken to unite and consolidate the vast territories which now form the Dominion.

I feel assured that you will continue to devote the same assiduity as in the past to the augmented labours, which the exigencies of more numerous constituencies and a wider sphere of operations demand at your hands, and I earnestly pray that your efforts in the path of duty may be so happily guided as to maintain peace and justice in all the borders of the land, and ensure the happiness and lasting welfare of all classes of its inhabitants.

The following Senators were introduced and took the usual oaths:

Hon. Messrs. Sutherland, Macdonald, Carrall, Cornwall, and Girard.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL introduced a Bill *pro forma*.

A Return of Baptisms was laid on the table.

#### LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House, the Report of the Librarian of the House of Commons, on the state of the Library of Parliament.

The House then adjourned.

FRIDAY, 12th April, 1872.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

#### NEW MEMBER.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACK was introduced and took his seat after having gone through the usual formalities.

#### RETURNS.

The SPEAKER laid on the table the Librarian's Report for the present year. Also a return of Baptisms and Burials for the several districts.

#### MOTION.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved that when the House adjourn it stand adjourned until Tuesday next, in order to give members an opportunity of assisting in the Thanksgiving for the recovery of the Prince of Wales. He also stated that he would move an address of congratulation to Her Majesty on the same subject.

#### ANSWER TO THE SPEECH.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD, in proposing the answer to the Address, expressed the peculiar pleasure he felt, as one of the inhabitants of the distant Province of Mani-

toba, in giving his approval to the sentiments contained therein: He made special reference to the illness of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the news of which had been read with the deepest regret by the people of the North West. He need not give the House the assurance that no portion of the people of Canada sympathized more deeply with Her Majesty, or felt greater satisfaction at the recovery of the Prince than the inhabitants of that little Province in the far Western wilderness. He could not too highly approve of the reference in the Speech to Manitoba, where the people were deeply attached to British institutions and had no other desire than to give them their support, and preserve and strengthen the connection with the Dominion. He was perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the Government of Canada had acted towards that Province, and had no doubt that they would do their best to develop its resources. He had read with interest that paragraph in the Speech which referred to the Treaty of Washington, and for one would be happy to give the question that consideration which its importance required. He had no doubt that the efforts of the Government to promote immigration would have happy results to the prosperity of the Confederation. He heard with satisfaction the announcement from the Throne that the Government intended using their best efforts to construct such public works as were necessary for the development of the great resources of this country, and he hoped that the time was not far distant when the locomotive would pass through the Province of Manitoba on its way to the Pacific coast. The prosperous condition of the finances, and the Dominion generally, was to every one a subject of congratulation, and he was convinced that we had every reason to look to the future with hopefulness. With these remarks he asked permission to move the following resolution for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General in answer to his speech from the Throne:

"That the following Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor General, to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency, for the gracious Speech which His Excellency has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:

To His Excellency the Right Honorable JOHN, BARON LISGAR, of Lisgar and Ballieborough, in the County of Cavan, Ireland, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and a Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy