

Tuesday, 31st January, 1893.

The Members convened were:—

The Honourable *JOHN JONES ROSS*, Speaker.

The Honourable Messieurs

Allan,	Dever,	MacInnes (Burlington),	Poirier,
Almon,	Dickey,	Masson,	Power,
Angers,	Dobson,	McClelan,	Primrose,
Armand,	Ferguson,	McDonald (C. B.),	Prowse,
Bellerose,	Flint,	McInnes (Victoria),	Read (Quinté),
Bernier,	Glasier,	McKay,	Reesor,
Bolduc,	Gowan,	McKindsey,	Reid (Cariboo),
Boulton,	Howlan,	McMillan,	Scott,
Bowell,	Kaulbach,	Merner,	Smith,
Boyd,	Kirchhoffer,	Montgomery,	Sullivan,
Casgrain,	Landry,	Montplaisir,	Sutherland,
Chaffers,	Lougheed,	O'Donohoe,	Tassé,
Clemow,	Macdonald (P. E. I.),	Pelletier,	Vidal,
Cochrane,	Macdonald (Victoria),	Perley,	Wark.
DeBlois,	Macfarlane,		

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By the Honourable Mr. Clemow,—Of the Western Counties Railway Company, in the Province of Nova Scotia.

By the Honourable Mr. Vidal,—Of the Grand Trunk, Georgian Bay and Lake Erie Railway Company.

The Honourable Mr. Bowell, Minister of Trade and Commerce, presented to the House,—The Report of the Department of Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada, for the year ended 30th June, 1892.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 19.*)

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honourable Mr. Ferguson's motion, viz.:—

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 he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

To HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honourable Sir FREDERICK ARTHUR STANLEY, Baron Stanley of Preston, in the County of Lancaster, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor-General of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

We rejoice that Your Excellency, in meeting us at the commencement of another Session of Parliament, has the pleasure of congratulating us on the continued progress which the history of the past year unfolds with regard to Canada.

We are glad to learn from Your Excellency that the increase in trade, as illustrated by the exports and imports during the period for which the official returns have been prepared, has been most gratifying, and has continued down to the present time, with promise that the volume of trade during the current year will exceed that of any year in the history of the Dominion.