

subjects has been dealt with in the last few Sessions that I shall hope to congratulate you on your release at a time somewhat earlier than usual.

With this hope I now leave you to your Parliamentary labors.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Vankoughnet* presented to the House a Bill intituled "An Act relating to Common Schools."

The said Bill was then read for the first time, *pro forma*.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Vankoughnet*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *de Blaquière*, it was

*Ordered*, That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General on Tuesday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Vankoughnet*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ross*, it was

*Ordered*, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Prince*—of the Reverend *Edward Henry Dewar*, Rector of *Sandwich, Canada West*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Panet*—of *A. Larue* and others, Land Surveyors of *Lower Canada*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Patton*—of the Municipal Council of the County of *Grey*.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ross*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Vankoughnet*, it was

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton, Matheson, Armand, Seymour, Murney, Panet, Christie, Boulton* and *Guévremont*, be appointed a Committee to superintend the Printing of this House during the present Session.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ross*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Vankoughnet*, it was

*Ordered*, That all the Members present this day, be appointed a Committee to consider of the orders and customs of this House and privileges of Parliament,