

JOURNALS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF

CANADA.

SESSION, 1848.

Parliamentum Provinciale Canadae, inceptum et tentum apud civitatem Marianopolim, die Veneris, 25^o die Februarii, anno regni Dominae Nostrae VICTORIAE, Dei Gratia, Britanniarum Reginae, Fidei Defensoris, 11^o; Annoque Domini, 1848.

Parliament meets.

ON which day, being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament, for the Dispatch of Business,—pursuant to a Proclamation (hereunto annexed) of His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General,—*George Barthélemi Faribault*, *John Fenning's Taylor*, the elder, *Gustavus William Wicksteed*, and *William Poyntz Patrick*, Esquires, Commissioners appointed by *Dedimus Potestatem*, for administering the oath to the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, came at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, into the Room allotted for the sittings of the Assembly, and *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, attending according to his duty; and *Félix Fortier*, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, having delivered to the said Mr. *Lindsay* a Roll containing a List of the names of such Members as had been returned to serve in this Provincial Parliament, (copy whereof is hereunto annexed,) the Commissioners did administer the oath to the Members who appeared, which being done, and the Members having subscribed the Roll containing the oath, they took their seats in the Assembly.

Message to attend His Excellency.

A Message was brought by *Frederick Starr Jarvis*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod: Gentlemen,

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of the Members of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly the Members went to attend His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber, where being; the Honorable Speaker of the Legislative Council said:—

Honorable Gentlemen, and

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,
His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Provincial Parliament, until a Speaker of the

Speech of the Speaker of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly shall have been chosen according to law; but on Monday next, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

And the Members being returned;

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, Member representing the County of *Huron*, stood up, and addressing himself to the Clerk, (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down,) proposed to the House for their Speaker, the Honorable Sir *Allan Napier MacNab*, in which motion he was seconded by *John Prince*, Esquire, Member representing the County of *Essex*.

Sir Allan N. MacNab proposed as Speaker.

Then the Honorable *Robert Baldwin*, Member representing the North Riding of *York*, stood up, and addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker, the Honorable *Augustin Norbert Morin*, in which motion he was seconded by the Honorable *Louis Hypolite LaFontaine*, Member representing the City of *Montreal*, and also the County of *Terrebonne*.

Mr. Augustin Norbert Morin proposed as Speaker.

Debates arose.

And the Question being called for, "That Sir *Allan Napier MacNab* do take the Chair of this "House as Speaker,"

Question that Sir Allan N. MacNab be Speaker, negatived.

The House divided; and the names of the Members were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton* of *Toronto*, *Carroll*, *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Crysler*, *Daly*, *Macdonald* of *Kingston*, *Malloch*, *McLean*, *Meyers*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *Brockville*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of *Frontenac*, *Stevenson*, and *Webster*.—(19.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Beaubien*, *Bell*, *Boulton* of *Norfolk*, *Boutillier*, *Brooks*, *Burritt*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Davignon*, *Drummond*, *Duchesnay*, *Dumas*, *Egan*, *Flint*, *For-*