

o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

His Excellency retires and the Assembly withdraws.

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

It was moved,

Motion for adjourning the House to half-past two o'clock on Monday.

That when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

Agreed to.

The same was resolved in the affirmative, and

Adjournment.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY

Monday, 28th February, 1848.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker:

The Honorable Messieurs

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Sullivan,

Moore,

Caron,

A. Dionne,

W. Morris,

J. Dionne,

Fraser,

Massue,

Joliette,

J. Morris,

Bruneau,

Pinhey,

Ferrie,

Ferrier,

Knoulton,

Matheson,

McKay,

Viger.

Roy,

PRAYERS.

The Hon. J. Hamilton takes the Oath prescribed by Law.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* came to the Table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, Senior, Esquire, one of the

Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

Adjourned during pleasure. House resumes.

After some time the House was resumed.

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 of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.

His Excellency comes to the House and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

Who being come,

Mr. *Morin* said,—

They attend him accordingly. The Hon. A. N. Morin informs His Excellency that the Assembly have chosen him to be their Speaker.

May it please Your Excellency,

The Legislative Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am very little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If in the performance of those duties I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly whose servant I am; and who, through me, humbly claim, to enable them the better to discharge their duty to Her Majesty and their country, all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of Speech in their debates, access to Your Excellency's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favourable interpretation.

Then the Speaker of this House said,

The choice of the Assembly confirmed by His Excellency.

Mr. Speaker,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to declare to you, that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the Assembly to Her Majesty's Person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence; he grants, and upon all