

## NEW ELECTIONS.

The SPEAKER informed the House that he had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery certificates of the return of J. W. Lour, Esq., who had been elected to serve for the County of Russell in the room of G. B. L. Fellowes, Esq., who had resigned his seat, and also of the return of Adam Wilson, Esq., who had been elected to serve for the North Riding of York in the room of Joseph Hartman, Esq., deceased. He also informed the House that, during the recess, he had received official information that the Honorable Member for the County of Terrebonne, L. S. Morin, Esq., had accepted office under the Crown, and that he had accordingly issued his writ for a new election for the said county.

The newly elected member for Russell being in attendance, was introduced and took his seat.

## HALDIMAND, &amp; ARGENTEUIL ELECTIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER said he had the honor to announce to the House that he had that day received from the several Commissioners appointed to take evidence in that behalf, the evidence in the matters of the contested election, for the respective Counties of Haldimand and Argenteuil.

## THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that when this House waited on His Excellency in the Chambers of the Legislative Council this day, His Excellency was pleased to deliver a gracious speech from the Throne, and for greater accuracy he had obtained a copy of the speech, which, for the information of the House, he would read in both the English and French languages.

The speech was read accordingly.

It was then resolved, on the motion of Mr. Attorney General CARTIER, seconded by Mr. Attorney General MACDONALD, that the speech of His Excellency should be taken into consideration to-morrow, with a view to an humble address being presented to His Excellency in answer thereto.

The House adjourned.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

*Wednesday, February 29, 1860.*

The SPEAKER took the chair at three o'clock.

## ANSWER TO THE SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY.

*Order.*—Consideration of the Answer to the Speech from the Throne.

Hon. Mr. BOULTON moved the following resolutions in answer to the address from the Throne:—

“That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His

Excellency for his gracious speech at the opening of the present session of the Provincial Parliament, and further to assure His Excellency:

“That we receive with much pleasure the announcement made to us by His Excellency, that the joint address of last Session, inviting the Queen to visit Canada, has been laid at the foot of the Throne, and that Her Majesty's Most Gracious answer will forthwith be placed in our hands; And that we shall see with satisfaction that we may hope for the honour of receiving His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in such a manner as will prove the hearty loyalty of all ranks among us.

“That we rejoice to learn from His Excellency, that negotiations have been carried on by the Postmaster General, for securing the transmission through Canada of a large portion of the correspondence between Europe and America, that the result of these negotiations has been such as to show that the advantages of the route by the St. Lawrence are fully appreciated; and that at the same time care has been taken to represent properly to Her Majesty's Government the position and claims of Canada with reference to the postal subsidies granted to Ocean Steamers.

“That we have much satisfaction in being informed that the Commissioners appointed to report on the boundary line between Upper and Lower Canada have completed their labours so as to enable us to pass a Bill for the settlement of this long pending question.

“That we are happy to learn that the Government has received suggestions from many sources with reference to the measure introduced last session for the consolidation of the municipal law of Lower Canada, and that we shall give our best attention to any Bill submitted to us, which may enable us to effect this important object.

“That we receive with pleasure His Excellency's congratulations on the issue of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada and of Upper Canada. That we trust soon to see the same work for Lower Canada, and that when this is done, we believe with His Excellency, that we may hope that it will be followed by the further assimilation of the laws in force in both sections of the Province.

That we shall not fail to give our best attention to the expediency of considering the law of debtor and creditor in commercial matters, as it exists both in Upper and Lower Canada, with a view to further legislation on this difficult subject, and that we agree with His Excellency in thinking that the present system of currency and banking deserves our early and serious consideration.

“That any measure which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us for the purpose of facilitating the administration of the Crown Lands, shall receive our most earnest attention.

“That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that if he may not congratulate us on having completely surmounted our financial difficulties, he thinks we shall find that the income and expenditure for the past year have been such as to cause us no fear for the future.

That we shall receive with pleasure any papers which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us having reference to the Consolidation of the Public Debt, and the successful exertions made by the Minister of Finance during the recess, with a view of securing this important object. We rejoice to be assured of His Excellency's conviction that the depression under which we have laboured has not diminished our credit, although it has forcibly impressed on His Excellency and his advisers, the