

*Tilloch Galt*, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, on Saturday last and this day.

The Order of this House of Friday last, for the attendance of *James Morton*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read ;

*Ordered*, That the said Order be discharged.

*John Scoble*, Esquire, Member for the West Riding, of the County of *Elgin*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate, upon the amendment which was, on Friday last, proposed to be made to the third paragraph of the Question :—

1. 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 him :—That we are grateful for the expression of His Excellency's satisfaction in meeting us again in Parliament, and in availing himself of our assistance in the enactment of measures for the promotion of the welfare and prosperity of the Province ; and that we thank His Excellency for convening the Legislature at a period of the year which will, we are sure, be found generally convenient, and such as will afford ample time for deliberation upon the subjects which may be brought under our notice before the commencement of the commercial and agricultural business season.

2. That we receive with pleasure His Excellency's congratulations upon the spirit of loyalty and patriotism which has been manifested throughout the Country in the enrolment of Volunteer Militia Companies, and on the zeal and activity displayed by the Volunteers and the Drill Associations in rendering themselves efficient for active service, should their assistance in defence of the Province be unhappily required ; and we are happy to learn that a Bill will be submitted to us containing amendments to the existing Militia Law, having for its object to improve the system now in force for the defensive organization of the people.

3. That we shall give our most respectful attention to any measure for the more fair adjustment of Parliamentary Representation, in each section of the Province, which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us, as well as to any Bill for the more equitable settlement of the relation between Debtor and Creditor, and to afford relief to insolvent debtors, and to any other measures of public utility in relation to the Administration of Justice, to the Registration of Titles, and to the law respecting Patents for Inventions, which may be submitted for our consideration.

4. That we thank His Excellency for the intimation that shortly after the close of the last Session of the Legislature, he appointed Commissioners to enquire into the state of the Public Buildings at *Ottawa*, and especially into the expenditure already incurred in respect to them. That while we regret, with His Excellency, that this investigation has been unavoidably protracted, we are glad to know that a Report has been recently received, which will be laid before us, and that steps have been taken, based upon that Report, with a view to the resumption and speedy completion of the works.

5. That we further thank His Excellency for informing us, that two members of His Excellency's Executive Council have visited *London*, during the recess, to confer with the Imperial Government, in conjunction with delegates from *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, respecting the construction of an Intercolonial Railway, and that the correspondence with the Secretary for the Colonies, on this subject, will be laid before us without delay.

6. That it affords us pleasure to learn that these gentlemen were also instructed to call the attention of the Imperial Authorities to the importance of opening up for settlement the great North Western Territory, and of facilitating the establishment of direct communication between *Canada* and *British Columbia*, and to know that His Excellency believes that very favorable results may be expected from these representations, not only in the development of the resources of intermediate and distant possessions of the Crown, but in the commercial benefits that will accrue to this Province as the natural outlet for the productions of the West.