

Esquire, late member for the South Riding of the County of *Oxford* having accepted an office of profit under the Crown, to wit, the office of Puisné Judge in the Court of Queen's Bench in Upper Canada.

We have the honor to be, Sir,  
 Your most obedient servants,  
 THOS. D'ARCY MCGEE,  
 Member for *Montreal West*, (L. S.)  
 ED. REMILLARD,  
 Member for *Bellechasse*, (L. S.)

Mr. Speaker also informed the House that he had received the report of the Commissioner appointed to take evidence in the matter of the controverted Election for the County of *Essex*.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter :—  
 Province of *Canada*, District of *Quebec*.

In the matter of the contested Election of the County of *Quebec*.

On the part of *Alexander Moffatt* contesting the said Election against the return of the Honorable *F. Evanturel*, the sitting member, I declare that I hereby discontinue the said contestation.

Quebec, 12th February, 1863.

To the Honorable *J. E. Turcotte*, Speaker, L. A.

PH. J. JOLICOUR,  
 Advocate for the Petitioner.

The Honorable *François Evanturel*, Member for the County of *Quebec*; the Honorable *Michael Hamilton Foley*, Member for the North Riding of the County of *Waterloo*; the Honorable *John Joseph Caldwell Abbott*, Member for the County of *Argenteuil*; the Honorable *Louis Victor Sicotte*, Member for the County of *St Hyacinthe*; the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Member for the Town of *Cornwall*; the Honorable *Adam Wilson*, Member for the North Riding of the County of *York*; the Honorable *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Member for the County of *Hochelaga*; and the Honorable *William McDougall*, Member for the North Riding of the County of *Oxford*, having previously taken the oath, according to law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took their seats in the House.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *McGee*, seconded by Mr. *Huot*,  
 The House adjourned.

Friday, 13th February, 1863.

*Pierre Benoit*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Napierville*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by *René Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :—

MR. SPEAKER,

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