

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, went up to the Senate Chamber ;
And there Mr. Speaker spoke to the following effect, viz. :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Commons have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but 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 Commons, whose servant I am, and who through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and Country, humbly claim 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 consideration.

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate said :—

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 House of Commons 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 occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you, that the Commons shall have ready access to His Excellency upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

And the House having returned ;—

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had been in the Senate Chamber, and that he had informed His Excellency that the choice of Speaker had fallen upon him ; and also in the name of this House and on its behalf, he had laid claim to all their rights and privileges, that they may enjoy freedom of Speech in their Debates, and have access to His Excellency's person as occasion shall require, and that all their proceedings may receive from His Excellency the most favourable construction ; to which His Excellency was pleased to say that he readily and willingly granted and allowed the Commons their constitutional privileges, as well as ready access to His Excellency on all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings as well as their words and actions will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That the Clerk of the House had received from the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to *The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874*, Certificates and Reports relating to the Elections,—

For the Electoral District of *King's, N.B.*, and

For the Electoral District of *Joliette* ;

And the same were read and ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House, and are as follow :—

KING'S, N.B., CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

In the Supreme Court.

THE DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT, 1874.

In the matter of the Election of a Member of the House of Commons, for the Electoral District of *King's*, in the Province of *New Brunswick*, holden on the twentieth day of June, A.D., 1882.