

after that he relieved of the responsibility for whatever does take place.

Motion agreed to.

### RETURN ORDERED.

Return showing the date of the Speaker's Warrant, the date of the writ, and the date of the appointment of a returning officer, in the case of election of members to the House of Commons, since the close of last session; also a statement of the causes of delay in reference to any of these matters where delays have taken place.—Mr. Mills (Bothwell).

### THE LATE DUKE OF CLARENCE.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received a Message from the Senate stating that they had passed an Address to Her Majesty the Queen expressing regret and sympathy at the untimely death of the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale and to which was desired the concurrence of the House.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved that the subject be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Motion agreed to.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to: and House adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, 4th March, 1892.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

### MEMBER INTRODUCED.

JOHN FITZ-WILLIAM STAIRS, Member for the Electoral District of Halifax; introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Tupper.

### REPORT.

Mr. FOSTER. I desire to lay on the Table the report of Prof. Saunders on the production and manufacture of beet-root sugar. This was the report which was promised last year when we were discussing the subject. Prof. Saunders has performed his duty. I took the liberty of having the report printed, and it has already been distributed to members of the House.

### MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message as follows:—

STANLEY OF PRESTON.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, an approved Minute of Council, appointing the Honourable Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Militia and Defence, the Honourable John Costigan, Minister of Inland Revenue, the Honourable George Eulas Foster, Minister of Finance, and the Honourable Joseph Aldric Ouimet, Minister of Public Works, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons, as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of the 13th Chapter Mr. MULOCK.

of the Revised Statutes of Canada, intituled: "An Act respecting the House of Commons."

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA, 3rd March, 1892.

### LONDON ELECTION VOTERS' LIST.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery is in attendance at the Table with the original list of voters received from the revising officer of the city of London, also with lists as printed, and on which the recent election for that city was held.

Mr. MILLS moved:

That the said voters' list do lie on the Table of the House.

Motion agreed to.

### PRIVATE BILLS.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved:

That the time for receiving petitions for private Bills be extended until Friday, 18th instant, and for presenting private Bills until Thursday, 24th instant.

Motion agreed to.

### THE LATE DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. In accordance with the resolution which the House carried yesterday on the subject of the Address proposed by the Senate to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, I beg leave to move, seconded by Mr. Laurier, that:

The said Address of the Senate to Her Most Gracious Majesty, be concurred in by the House, and the blank therein filled up with the words "House of Commons."

I have only to say, in making this motion of concurrence, that this Address states, what is undoubtedly the fact, that the people of Canada have learned with universal and deep sorrow of the affliction which has befallen Her Gracious Majesty by the bereavement referred to in the Address. There is expressed in the Address the sentiment that our people, represented by this House, pray that Divine Providence may aid and console Her Majesty in this great affliction, and the sentiment, likewise, that the universal sympathy which has been felt throughout the Empire with Her Majesty and with the Prince and Princess of Wales may, to some extent, aid in affording them that consolation which is so deeply needed on an occasion of this kind. Under these circumstances and in view of the expressions of sympathy already made by this House, it is only necessary for me to make these few observations in asking the House to concur in this Address.

Mr. LAURIER. It was my privilege some days ago to express the feeling which we on this side of the House entertain in reference to the subject contained in this Address. At the present time I can only say that I fully concur in and endorse all the sentiments so well and gracefully expressed by the Minister of Justice, and I heartily second the motion.

Motion agreed to.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved:

That the said Address be engrossed.

Motion agreed to.