

Friday, 14th February, 1879.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *ROBERT DUNCAN WILMOT*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Arkins,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Christie.</i>	<i>Haythorne.</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Archibald,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Boucherville, de</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Brouse,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macpherson.</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Thibaudau,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Pdquet,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chaffers.</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark.</i>

PRAYERS :

The House was adjourned during pleasure,

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir JOHN DOUGLAS SUTHERLAND CAMPBELL (commonly called the Marquis of *Lorne*), Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *St. Michael* and *St. George*, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

The Honorable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House—"It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who, being come,

The Honorable *Joseph Godéric Blanchet* said :

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 favorable consideration.