

*Canada*, called upon Mr. *Street*, Member for the County of *Welland*, to take the Chair during his temporary absence.

Mr. *Street* accordingly took the Chair of the House.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And a further Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. *Dunkin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Holton*, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be adjourned.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock, on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 25th February, 1865.

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Brown*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

### Monday, 27th February, 1865.

*Charles Magill*, Esquire, Member for the City of *Hamilton*, having previously taken the Oath, according to law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of chapter four of the Consolidated Statutes of *Canada*, called upon Mr. *Smith*, Member for the East Riding of the County of *Durham*, to take the Chair during his temporary absence.

Mr. *Smith* accordingly took the Chair of the House.

Mr. (Acting) Speaker laid before the House,—Statements of the Affairs of *La Compagnie du Richelieu*, on the 17th February, 1864, and on the 8th February, 1865. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 9.)

And also, General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the Counties of *Vaudreuil*, *Yamaska*, and *l'Assomption*, for the year 1864. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 14.)

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Alley*,—The Petition of the Directors of the High School of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Fowell*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Carleton*.

By Mr. *Bown*,—the Petition of *James Kerby*, of the Town of *Brantford*.

By Mr. *DeNiverville*,—The Petition of the Reverend *H. Baillargeon* and others, of the City of *Three Rivers*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron (Peel)*,—The Petition of the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, and of the Right Reverend the Anglican Lord Bishop of the said Diocese; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*.

By Mr. *Dufresne (Montcalm)*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Lauzon* and others, of *Wexford* and other Townships.

By Mr. *Currier*,—The Petition of the Board of Trade of the City of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Tremblay*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Bernier* and others, of the Townships of *Tadousac* and *Albert*, County of *Saguenay*.

By Mr. *Irvine*,—The Petition of the Governors of *Morrin College*, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *George Smith* and others, of *St. Dunstan*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were read:—