

PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. ISLAND, APRIL 12, 1859.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature having, by Proclamation, been summoned to meet for the despatch of business on this, Tuesday, the 12th day of April, 1859, a new House of Assembly was convened and sworn in as follows:—

Queen's County.

Charlottetown, Common and Royalty.

Hon. Edward Palmer, Daniel Davies, Esqr.

First District.

Donald Montgomery, Esqr. Colin Holm, Esqr.

Second District.

Hon. John Longworth, Hon. Alexander Laird.

Third District.

Hon. George Coles, Hon. Francis Kelly.

Fourth District.

William Douse, Esqr. Hon. Lieut. Col. Gray.

Prince County.

Princetown Royalty and Lot 18.

Hon. Donald Montgomery, George Sinclair, Esqr.

First District.

Nicholas Conroy, Esqr. Patrick Doyle, Esqr.

Second District.

David Ramsay, Esqr. John Yeo, Esqr.

Third District.

Hon. James Yeo, Hon. S. B. Perry.

Fourth District.

Hon. James C. Pope, Cornelius Howat, Esqr.

King's County.

Georgetown, Common and Royalty, and Reserved Land.

Hon. T. Heath Haviland, Andrew A. McDonald, Esqr.

First District.

William Cooper, Esqr. John Knight, Esqr.

Second District.

Hon. Edward Whelan, John Sutherland, Esqr.

Third District.

Hon. Edward Thornton, Ronald Walker, Esqr.

Fourth District.

Hon. Joseph Wightman, Finlay McNeill, Esqr.

The Honorable DONALD MONTGOMERY was elected Speaker without opposition.

The Speaker elect having been presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, His Excellency signified his approval of the choice made by the House, and having granted the usual and ancient privileges of Parliament, opened the first Session of the Twenty-first General Assembly with the following

SPEECH:

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

ALTHOUGH the period has arrived when our Legislative labours usually terminate, I rely with confidence on your zeal and patriotism to devote sufficient time to the maturing of those measures which are essential to the maintenance of the public credit, however inconvenient the sacrifice may, I fear, prove to many of you.

The late crisis in Commercial affairs, which has occasioned such universal embarrassment, has been felt in this community with much severity; but I trust it will not be without its advantage, and that it may have the effect of confining commercial enterprise in future, within less speculative limits.

A decrease in the public Revenue was anticipated, but I am happy to inform you that it is not so great as was apprehended; and I trust that by judicious economy in future appropriations, you will find means of meeting the deficiency.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

The Accounts of the past year, and the Estimates for the current year, shall be laid before you, and I rely on your readiness to grant the necessary supplies for the public service.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

The very abundant harvest of the last Season with which Providence has blessed the labours of the people, has demanded the expression of our thankfulness. Produce of all sorts has found ready sale, at remunerative prices, and has been exported to an unusual extent; in addition to which, a considerable increase in the export of Fish, justifies the belief that this branch of industry will ere long, attract the attention to which it is manifestly entitled.

Since I last met you, communications have reached me from Her Majesty's Government, and from the Governor General, on the subject of a Federal Union of the North American Provinces, copies of which shall be placed before you.

The Act of the last Session relating to the Fishery Reserves in this Island has not been sanctioned. A copy of a Despatch from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, setting forth the grounds of the disallowance of that Act, with other documents relating to the same subject, will be communicated to you.

Copies of the Secretary of State's Despatches will also be communicated to you, regarding the contemplated guaranteed Loan, which it is not the intention of Her Majesty's Government to propose to the Imperial Parliament.